



EMISSARY OF THE DALEKS

by Andrew Smith

THE DOCTOR: COLIN BAKER

Time and space traveller.

PERI: NICOLA BRYANT

The Doctor's companion.

CARMEN REGA:

(F, 40s) Emissary of the Daleks; Magister of the planet Omnia.

ALDO REGA:

(M, late 20s). Son of Carmen. An aspiring resistance fighter.

THE DALEKS: NICHOLAS BRIGGS

Ruthless metal-encased creatures.

HINGUS STEEN / GORDUS:

(M, 50s) Old soldier and resistance recruiter. Secretly an agent for Carmen Rega. / (M, 40s) Omnian graveyard sexton, and speaker of history.

SHAYNA / TASHA:

(F, 20s) A friend of Aldo, reluctant resistance candidate. / (F, 30s) A quiet, timid 'Truth Speaker' (Sc. 35, 38)

OTHER:

KALIB (M, 20s – friend of Aldo) (DOUBLE WITH ALDO?); **SCIENTIST** (SC. 67 – 6 lines); **MARRIS** (M, a friend of Aldo) (Sc. 25 – one single-syllable line) ; **OPERATIVE** (Radio voice) (SC.11, 21) ; **WATCHERS** (Various)

WILDTRACKS:

MINEWORKERS (Various)

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PART ONE

1. EXT. FOREST.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI WALK ALONG A TRACK. BREEZE BLOWS THROUGH LEAFY CANOPY ABOVE.

PERI:

I appreciate a walk in the fresh air, Doctor...

DOCTOR:

Bracing, isn't it?

PERI:

... But couldn't we have landed on the daylight side of the planet?

DOCTOR:

Oh but the night time is instructive, Peri.

THEY STOP.

DOCTOR:

Look up. What do you see?

PERI:

Stars, I guess... Oh. Are there any? ... Hey I see one, I think. There. And... is that another?

DOCTOR:

Well done. They're only just visible to the naked eye.

PERI:

So far away.

DOCTOR:

At least ten thousand light years. Those are this system's nearest neighbours. And if you consider that most of the stars you'd see from Earth are mere hundreds of light years away...

PERI:

... the neighbours here aren't exactly just over the yard fence.

DOCTOR:

Quite.

THEY CONTINUE WALKING.

DOCTOR:

This is a solitary planet, orbiting a solitary sun on the edge of its galaxy, remote from the next nearest star system.

PERI:

That's unusual?

DOCTOR:

To be so isolated, yes. It will be interesting to see how society has developed here. The TARDIS instruments detected energy readings suggestive of advanced technology.

PERI:

Not much sign of that technology so far. Just a whole bunch of trees.

DOCTOR:

The forest is thinning out. Let's see what's ahead.

THEY WALK ON.

2. EXT. TREELINE.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI EMERGE FROM THE FOREST AND STOP, A GREAT VISTA AHEAD OF THEM.

PERI:

Wow. There's your advanced technology.

DOCTOR:

Advanced indeed. To create a city like that.

PERI:

It's on stilts!

DOCTOR:

Supports of some kind, certainly. It's a phenomenal feat of engineering, for a city of that size.

PERI:

Are those more buildings on the ground beneath it?

DOCTOR:

Possibly... hard to tell in the dark, and from this distance. Shall we take a closer look?

PERI:

It's a long walk, but sure. (LOOKING AHEAD) Hey, there's someone there, up ahead. Carrying a light.

DOCTOR:

Oh yes.

PERI:

What are those things all around him? Are they... are they gravestones?

DOCTOR:

I rather think they are. Let's introduce ourselves.

THEY WALK ON.

3. EXT. GRAVEYARD.

GORDUS WALKS AMONG THE GRAVESTONES WITH A LANTERN IN HAND.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI APPROACH.

DOCTOR:

Hello there!

GORDUS:

(STARTLED) Huh??

PERI:

Sorry, we didn't mean to startle you.

GORDUS:

Who are you?

DOCTOR:

Just visitors. I'm the Doctor, this is Peri.

PERI:

Hi.

GORDUS:

I am Gordus. I am sexton of the Field of the Dead.

DOCTOR:

Sexton? Ah. Gravedigger, caretaker, yes?

GORDUS:

Visitors are not allowed.

DOCTOR:

In the graveyard?

GORDUS:

Anywhere. (WARY) Is this a test? I am loyal.

DOCTOR:

No of course not. No test.

PERI:

Doctor, look at the size of this place. The gravestones go on as far as you can see.

GORDUS:

You should go.

PERI WALKS BETWEEN THE GRAVESTONES.

PERI:

Back home in Baltimore, I used to walk the local churchyard and check out the epitaphs on the gravestones. They could be so sad. But also sweet. You know, 'Here lies - ' (STOPS HERSELF) Hey. This one's blank. There's no inscription.

DOCTOR:

So is this one. In fact... None of these stones has anything written on them. (CROUCHES TO LOOK CLOSER) But they did. The surface of this one is scarred. The inscriptions have been removed.

GORDUS:

Of course. It is not allowed. Writing of any kind is forbidden. As reading is forbidden.

DOCTOR:

Writing and reading, forbidden? (ANGRY) I don't like the sound of that. Not at all.

PERI:

If there are no inscriptions, how do you know who's buried here?

GORDUS:

I know. There is buried Sharana Soni. She passed in the time of the first republic. Born on the thirteenth day of the eighth cycle, she had seventy-two years. Her husband, Doran Soni, lies here, at her side, as he ever was in life.

PERI:

Did you know them?

DOCTOR:

This is an old grave, Peri. (TO GORDUS) When was this 'first republic'?

GORDUS:

Two hundred and thirty years since.

PERI:

And you know the details of someone buried so long ago?

GORDUS:

I know them all. (WALKS PAST GRAVESTONES) There lies Corus Decima, a farmer. And here, Feena Canto, beloved mother, who died giving birth to her fifth child. This, the resting place of Linus Gant, a justice adjudicator of fond remembrance.

DOCTOR:

When you say 'all', do you mean literally? Every one of the graves here?

GORDUS:

Every one.

PERI:

But there must be thousands.

GORDUS:

Every one.

PERI:

That's incredible.

GORDUS:

It is my privilege.

DOCTOR:

If inscriptions were once on the stones, that means writing wasn't always forbidden.

GORDUS:

The law was made after the war.

DOCTOR:

Oh? What war was this?

GORDUS:

You know so little about Omnia?

PERI:

We didn't even know its name until now.

DOCTOR:

Please, Gordus. Educate us. The war?

GORDUS:

Twelve years ago, the masters came from the stars, with terrible weapons. Hundreds of thousands died in the first attack. Our military made a stand, but the masters in their wisdom and with their superior intelligence circumvented our defences and secured their great victory.

DOCTOR:

'In their wisdom... with their superior intelligence.' That sounds like a litany. And these 'masters' occupied the planet?

GORDUS:

The people of Omnia were grateful to become subject to their will, and the Law was made.

PERI:

No writing or reading.

GORDUS:

That is part of the Law. The first day of occupation, of the new Omnia, was designated Day One, Year One. Omnia's previous history was eradicated, it's forbidden to read or speak of it. Possession of written material is a serious crime.

DOCTOR:

It's been done before...

GORDUS:

Omnia is a dangerous place for you. If you have the means, you should leave.

PERI:

We were thinking of going to that city. The one on stilts.

GORDUS:

The Overcity. It was built by the Masters.

DOCTOR:

And are the Masters in residence there, by any chance?

GORDUS:

They remain there with those of the High-Class of Omnia who collaborate with them. Including the Magister.

DOCTOR:

Magister?

GORDUS:

It is a title of the old ruler of Omnia. Now, the Magister invokes the will of the Masters.

DOCTOR:

I'd like to have a closer look at this Overcity.

GORDUS:

Take great care. Beneath it is the Undercity, where the Low-Class work units are found. The Undercity is the original capital of Omnia, and still bears scars from the war.

DOCTOR:

Thank you for the words of warning, Gordus.

GORDUS:

And look out for the Watch.

PERI:

The Watch?

GORDUS:

Watchers of the Law. Omnians, working for the Masters. They will not take kindly to 'visitors'.

PERI:

What do they look like?

GORDUS:

They patrol in pairs and dress in black. You will not mistake them.

PERI:

Well, thanks again.

DOCTOR:

We'll be off. Are you staying here for the evening?

GORDUS:

Families often come and mark the gravestones. I let them, but remove the inscriptions by morning. There would be trouble if the Watch saw them.

DOCTOR:

Then we'll say goodbye.

PERI:

Goodbye, Gordus.

GORDUS:

Goodbye.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI WALK OFF.

GORDUS:

(TO SELF) The Watch will have them within the hour. Shame.

4. EXT. ELSEWHERE IN THE GRAVEYARD.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI WALK ALONG.

PERI:

Do you think he really knows the details of everyone buried here?

DOCTOR:

I see no reason to doubt him. But it's a phenomenal feat of memory. He's obviously possessed of a quite remarkable gift... and he's not beyond stretching the law these 'masters' have introduced.

PERI:

Why do you say that?

DOCTOR:

It's forbidden to read or speak of Omnia's history before this great 'war'. But he was happy to mention the first republic.

PERI:

I guess.

DOCTOR:

A small act of rebellion, perhaps. But encouraging.

THEY WALK ON.

5. EXT. UNDERCITY STREET.

A WIDE THROUGHFARE. A FEW PEDESTRIANS TO AND FRO. THE DOCTOR AND PERI WALK ALONG A FOOTWAY.

PERI:

So this is the Undercity? I wonder if it looks any better in the daytime.

DOCTOR:

I doubt it. Although it was clearly once an impressive metropolis. Now, though... Half the buildings look derelict. While above us... (LOOKS UP) the towering opulence of the Overcity.

PERI:

The people, I can't see a smile among them. (SPOTS SOMETHING) Oh. Look, over there. Do you see them?

DOCTOR:

Oh yes. Unmistakably the Watch, going by Gordus's description.

PERI:

They're looking this way.

DOCTOR:

We seem to have caught their eye. Let's take this side street.

THEY TURN LEFT, INTO —

6. EXT. SIDE STREET.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI WALK ALONG, ALONE ON THE STREET.

PERI:

This street's kinda spooky. It's so quiet.

SHAYNA:

(NEARBY, LOUD) The Forbidden Quadrant? Are you mad, Aldo? I won't go!

DOCTOR:

You were saying?

ALDO:

(NEARBY; SOTTO) Shayna! Be quiet! Do you want to get the Watch on us?

PERI:

(SOTTO) It's coming from this alley.

DOCTOR:

(SOTTO) Clearly they're no friends of the Watch.

THEY APPROACH THE ALLEY ENTRANCE AND STOP, LISTENING.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Three of them, I think.

ALDO AND HIS GROUP ALL NEARBY.

SHAYNA:

Entering the Forbidden Quadrant is a Grade One offence. We'd get disappeared.

ALDO:

It's fine! I've just come from there. No one will know.

KALIB:

Why not just tell us what you found?

ALDO:

You wouldn't believe me. I've got to show you. It's proof that we've been lied to. And that we can make a better future for ourselves, if we resist.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Sounds like our kind of people, eh, Doctor?

DOCTOR:

(SOTTO) It would seem so.

TWO WATCHERS APPROACH.

WATCHER:

(MID-DISTANCE) Hey, you two.

PERI:

The Watchers! They followed us!

THE WATCHERS BREAK INTO A RUN.

DOCTOR:

Into the alley, Peri!

THEY RUN INTO THE ALLEY.

7. EXT. ALLEY. (CONTINUOUS)

NARROW BRICK ALLEY. ALDO, SHAYNA AND KALIB GROUPED HALFWAY ALONG.

PERI AND THE DOCTOR RUN IN.

ALDO:

What was that??

DOCTOR:

Watchers are coming. You may want to run!

ALDO:

Oh no.

PERI:

Come on!!

ALDO AND FRIENDS START RUNNING AS THE DOCTOR AND PERI PASS.

THE TWO WATCHERS APPEAR AT THE ALLEY'S END.

WATCHER:

All of you, stop there!

BOTH WATCHERS RUN IN AND STOP, DRAWING WEAPONS.

WATCHER:

Stop or we shoot!

THE WATCHERS FIRE - SIZZLING, ARCING DISCHARGES OF ENERGY.

8. EXT. ANOTHER SIDE STREET. (CONTINUOUS)

THE SIZZLING ENERGY ROUNDS ERUPT OFF THE END OF THE ALLEY WALL AS THE DOCTOR, PERI, ALDO AND HIS GROUP SPRINT FROM THE END OF THE ALLEY INTO THE STREET.

PERI, ALDO, SHAYNA, KALIB:
(REACTING TO THE SHOTS) Aah!

PERI:
That was close!

DOCTOR:
(UNFAZED) Which way now?

ALDO:
This way!

ALDO RUNS RIGHT. THE DOCTOR, PERI AND OTHERS FOLLOW.

ALDO:
Quick, into this yard.

HE OPENS A WOODEN GATE, THEY ENTER THE YARD, GATE CLOSES.

MOMENTS LATER, THE TWO WATCHERS ERUPT FROM THE ALLEY AND LOOK AROUND.

WATCHER:
(RECOVERING FROM RUNNING) No sign of them ... Let's try this way.

THEY TURN RIGHT, PASS THE YARD, AND RUN ON.

THE GATE OPENS TENTATIVELY. PERI LOOKS OUT.

PERI:
They've gone.

THEY EMERGE.

PERI:
They shot at us. They could have killed us!

SHAYNA:
Maybe, maybe not. You never know with a sizzler.

PERI:
A sizzler?

ALDO:

Don't you know? Their guns. They can kill, burn, or stun. You don't know until it hits you.

DOCTOR:

Charming.

ALDO:

Thanks for the warning back there.

DOCTOR:

Our pleasure... We couldn't help overhearing your conversation. It sounded intriguing.

PERI:

Especially that bit about making a better future by resisting.

ALDO:

(WARY) Oh. You heard that?

SHAYNA:

Aldo's always talking about resistance. Talking, not doing.

ALDO:

If I had some support, Shayna, I'd do more than talk.

DOCTOR:

We'd like to come with you to this 'Forbidden Quadrant' if you don't mind?

KALIB:

Aldo, we don't know these people.

SHAYNA:

Kalib's right. They could be tale-tells. And look how they're dressed. More like High-Class than work units.

ALDO:

They just saved us from getting disappeared.

SHAYNA:

As if that's something you'd have to worry about.

DOCTOR:

Shall we get started if we're going?

PERI:

And before the Watch decide to come back looking for us.

ALDO:

Good point. Come on.

HE WALKS OFF, THE DOCTOR AND PERI FOLLOW.

SHAYNA:

Hey, we haven't agreed to go.

ALDO:

But you're coming, yeah?

SHAYNA:

(RESIGNED SIGH) Come on, Kalib.

SHAYNA AND KALIB FOLLOW ON.

KALIB:

We'll regret this.

AS THEY WALK AWAY -

DOCTOR:

I'm the Doctor, by the way.

PERI:

And I'm Peri. You're... Aldo, right?

ALDO:

And this is Shayna, and Kalib.

SHAYNA:

Hello.

KALIB:

Oh great. We're giving strangers our names now.

9. EXT. FORBIDDEN QUADRANT BOUNDARY - OUTSIDE.

A DESERTED OPEN AREA. THE BOUNDARY SHIMMERS WITH ENERGY. ALDO LEADS THE DOCTOR, PERI, SHAYNA AND KALIB TOWARDS IT.

ALDO:

This marks the boundary of the Forbidden Quadrant.

PERI:

The air, it's... rippling. (PEERING) I can't quite see what's beyond it.

KALIB:

I don't think I want to.

DOCTOR:

It's a refractive energy barrier. A considerable obstacle.

ALDO:

Yeah. To get through it we'd need something like, oh, I don't know...

PRODUCES A HAND TERMINAL FROM HIS POCKET.

ALDO:

(BEAMING)... a key?

DOCTOR:

I can't imagine encrypted key terminals are left lying around. How did you obtain that?

KALIB:

(WITH A SNORT) How do you think?

DOCTOR:

What does that mean?

ALDO:

What matters is, I have it. And it works. I told you, I was in here earlier. Look.

HE TAPS THREE KEYS. THE TERMINAL EMITS A TONE AND A SECTION OF THE BOUNDARY OPENS UP.

ALDO:

One doorway. Come on.

HE PASSES THROUGH AND THE OTHERS FOLLOW, INTO -

10. EXT. FORBIDDEN QUADRANT BOUNDARY - INSIDE. (CONTINUOUS)

ALDO LEADS THE DOCTOR, PERI, SHAYNA AND KALIB IN.

PERI:

Woah. I thought the rest of the city was bad...

DOCTOR:

Such destruction. I imagine this is where the worst of the fighting took place.

ALDO:

This is where the Battle of Destiny was fought, and lost. Where fifteen thousand Omnians were killed in the space of eight seconds.

SHAYNA:

Aldo. We're not allowed to talk about the war.

PERI:

Like you're not allowed to be here? But you are.

ALDO:

Absolutely right. Let's get moving. It's not far. I'll just shut the barrier...

HE PRESSES KEYS, THE BARRIER CLOSES UP.

ALDO:

Okay, follow me.

THEY WALK ON.

11. INT. CARMEN'S CHAMBER

MAGISTER CARMEN REGA'S OPULENT PERSONAL QUARTERS. SHE RELAXES ON A PADDED RECLINER.

CARMEN:
(NEAR-SLEEP BREATHING)

HER COMMS HANDSET PINGS. SHE LIFTS IT FROM HER BELT, KEYS THE MIC.

CARMEN:
Yes, what is it?

OPERATIVE:
(DISTORT) Magister. You asked to be notified if the stolen security key was used again.

SHE SITS UPRIGHT.

CARMEN:
Where?

OPERATIVE:
(D) The same gateway, West-Three. And there are five bio-signatures this time, not one.

CARMEN:
Five? (NOT WHAT SHE WANTED TO HEAR) Ping me the bio-readings.

OPERATIVE:
(D) Doing it now.

DATA SCROLLS ON A SCREEN CLOSE BY.

OPERATIVE:
(D) The one from before is among them. The young man.

CARMEN:
Is this data corrupted? I've got read-outs on two citizens, and two who are... Unidentified?

SHE TAPS A KEY. INFORMATION REFRESHES.

CARMEN:
(READS, THEN -) These aren't Omnian bio-signatures.
(CONCERNED) What is he up to?

OPERATIVE:
(D) Magister. Your orders. Do we intercede this time?

CARMEN:

(RELUCTANTLY) We have to. Tell the Watchers, sizzlers on stun. No lethal force.

OPERATIVE:

(D) Of course.

CARMEN:

When they're taken, I want them brought to the Overcity. Get it done.

SHE STANDS.

CARMEN:

I'm going to Level Omega to speak with the masters.

OPERATIVE:

(D) Yes ma'am.

SHE ENDS THE CALL.

CARMEN:

Damn.

12. INT. RUINED BUILDING ENTRANCE HALL. (CONTINUOUS)

A LARGE SPACE, NO CEILING OR ROOF, ONLY PARTS OF ITS WALLS REMAINING. RUBBLE IS STREWN ACROSS THE FLOOR.

ALDO ENTERS WITH THE DOCTOR, PERI, SHAYNA AND KALIB.

ALDO:

It's in here.

DOCTOR:

And where is 'it'?

ALDO SCRAMBLES OVER RUBBLE.

ALDO:

It's under here. I covered it up again after I found it, in case anyone else came by. And listen, when you see it, don't be afraid. If I shove this out of the way (HEAVES)... You'll see.

ALDO PUSHES A LARGE CHUNK OF RUBBLE ASIDE, REVEALING HIS DISCOVERY.

SHAYNA AND KALIB:

(SCREAM)

PERI:

Doctor! It's...

DOCTOR:

... a Dalek. Of course.

SHAYNA:

One of the masters! We have to get away!

PERI:

Wait. Look at it. It's all battered and burnt out. It's dead!

DOCTOR:

Old damage, too. Presumably a casualty of the 'Battle of Destiny'.

ALDO:

Right. And you see what this means? We've always been told they're invincible, unkillable. But look. They can die just like us. We can kill them.

DOCTOR:

Let me see...

HE MOVES OVER THE RUBBLE TO ALDO.

DOCTOR:

I'm going to open the casing.

SHAYNA:

It opens?

DOCTOR:

Of course. The real Dalek is the thing inside.

HE OPENS THE TOP OF THE DALEK.

DOCTOR:

... Which is, yes, very dead. I'd say it was hit by a focused heat beam of some kind.

ALDO:

Our army used thermal cannons on the last day.

DOCTOR:

That would do it, if you hit the right spot.

ALDO:

If they can be killed, they can be defeated. This could become a rallying point for the resistance!

PERI:

You have a resistance?

SHAYNA:

(POINTEDLY) No.

ALDO:

There are rumours of groups, here and there. But too afraid to act. The Watchers are good at disappearing anyone who opposes the new order.

DOCTOR:

Which makes you a very brave young man, bringing us here.

ALDO:

To resist, people need a sign that it's possible to win. I think this master is it.

PERI:

Call it what it is, Aldo. Not your master. A Dalek.

ALDO:

This... Dalek. Yes. You seem to know a lot about them. But you're not from around here, are you?

PERI:

No we're not. To say the least.

DOCTOR:

We've fought the Daleks before. And won.

ALDO:

You have??

DOCTOR:

But before I decide on a course of action here, I'll need to know a lot more about the current state – [of affairs]

SHAYNA:

(INTERRUPTING) Wait a minute. I'm not fighting the masters.

ALDO:

Daleks, Shayna.

KALIB:

Nor me.

ALDO:

Do you want to be slaves the rest of your lives?

SHAYNA:

I'm leaving.

SHE STRIDES TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE.

SHAYNA:

And Kalib, if you've got any sense you'll come – [too]

A SIZZLER ROUND FIRED FROM THE ENTRANCE HITS HER.

SHAYNA:

[SHOT] Aaah!

SHE GOES DOWN COMATOSE.

KALIB:

Shayna!

ANOTHER ROUND HITS HIM.

KALIB:

(SHOT) Aaah!

AND HE GOES DOWN.

PERI:

Watchers!

DOCTOR:

Run!!

ALDO:

This way!

THEY HARE ACROSS RUBBLE AS FOUR WATCHERS RUSH IN, FIRING.
SIZZLER ROUNDS ERUPT OFF THE WALLS.

PERI:

(NEAR MISS) Aah!

DOCTOR:

Keep moving, Peri!

ALDO:

Over this wall!

THEY SCRAMBLE OVER A SHORT WALL, DROP THE OTHER SIDE AND RUN AS
MORE SIZZLER ROUNDS ARE FIRED.

DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI:

(EFFORT OF RUNNING)

WATCHER:

Get after them!

THE WATCHERS SCRAMBLE AFTER THEM.

13. EXT. FORBIDDEN QUADRANT BOUNDARY — INSIDE.

THE BOUNDARY ENERGY BARRIER SHIMMERS.

ALDO:

(MID-DISTANCE) There's the barrier!

THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO RUN IN.

PERI:

Quick, Aldo, the key!

ALDO PRODUCES THE KEY TERMINAL, PRESSES IT. A TONE, BUT NO RESPONSE FROM THE BARRIER. HE PRESSES REPEATEDLY — NOTHING.

ALDO:

It's not working!

DOCTOR:

They must have changed the locking frequency. Let me see that.

ALDO:

Here. But it's useless now.

THE DOCTOR REMOVES THE BACK CASING FROM THE TERMINAL.

DOCTOR:

Oh I wouldn't say that. Yes, fairly basic circuitry. Easily manipulated...

PERI:

Doctor, they're coming...

DOCTOR:

Thank you, Peri. Now, if I operate this node here...

THE CARD EMITS AN OSCILLATING TONE.

DOCTOR:

It's hunting for the frequency. This may take a little time...

WATCHER:

(DISTANCE) There they are!

PERI:

We don't have time. They've seen us!

DOCTOR:

Come on, come on...

THE OSCILLATION BECOMES A STEADY TONE. THE BARRIER OPENS.

ALDO:

You did it! It's open!

DOCTOR:

You two first, through you go!

PERI:

Okay.

PERI AND ALDO RUN THROUGH THE OPENING, AS A SIZZLER ROUND HITS THE GROUND NEARBY.

PERI:

(NEAR MISS) Aah!

WATCHERS RUN IN.

WATCHER:

Stay where you are! You two, back in here!

DOCTOR:

Run, Peri.

PERI:

What?

THE DOCTOR OPERATES THE TERMINAL. THE BARRIER CLOSES.

ALDO:

(THROUGH BARRIER) He shut the barrier!

PERI:

(THROUGH BARRIER) Doctor! No!

DOCTOR:

You should go before they open it again.

ALDO:

(THROUGH BARRIER) Peri, he's right. Come on!

WATCHER:

How did you operate the barrier?

THE DOCTOR POKETS THE TERMINAL, AND TURNS.

DOCTOR:

Officers, so nice to see – [you]

THE WATCHER FIRES A SIZZLER.

DOCTOR:

(SHOT, GOES DOWN COMATOSE)

PERI:

(THROUGH BARRIER) Doctor!

WATCHER:

You are prisoners of the Watch. Remain where you are.

ALDO:

(THROUGH BARRIER) Peri, run!

PERI:

But the Doctor... !

WATCHER:

(TO OTHER WATCHERS) Open the barrier.

ALDO:

(THROUGH BARRIER) Peri!

PERI:

(THROUGH BARRIER) (ANGRY, BUT SEEING THE SENSE) Alright.

THEY BOTH RUN.

WATCHER:

Get after them!

14. INT. DALEK CHAMBER.

DALEK CONTROL ROOM 'HEARTBEAT' AMBIENCE. TWO DALEKS MONITOR INSTRUMENT BANKS.

DOOR OPENS, UP AND SIDEWAYS WITH SKAROAN DOOR FX. CARMEN ENTERS.

THROUGHOUT, CARMEN IS CONFIDENT. SHE HAS SURVIVED BY NOT BEING INTIMIDATED BY DALEKS.

DALEK 1:
Magister Rega. Report.

CARMEN:
There was an incursion into the Forbidden Quadrant. Five persons. Three have been taken into custody. Two are being pursued.

DALEK 2:
What were the intentions of the intruders?

CARMEN:
Unknown at this time. The prisoners are being brought here for interrogation.

DALEK 1:
How were they able to penetrate the perimeter?

CARMEN:
It appears one of them had a key. Stolen or cloned. If there have been lapses of security by my people they shall suffer the consequences.

DALEK 1:
This was not the first intrusion into the Quadrant today.

CARMEN:
I beg your pardon?

DALEK 2:
We monitor all communications. There was an earlier incursion. By a young male. He was not apprehended at that time.

CARMEN:
That's right, he wasn't.

DALEK 2:
Why?

CARMEN:
I don't expect my decisions to be questioned in this way.

DALEK 1:

Answer!

CARMEN:

He stayed a short time then left. I thought he might return with others, and we would then snare more resistance scum in our net.

DALEK 1:

You could not know that he would return.

CARMEN:

Listen, Daleks. I know it's a difficult concept for you to grasp, but there's a thing called instinct. And my instinct was that this enemy of the Dalek order would return with his confederates. I was correct. Now, if you don't need me for anything further, I shall see to my prisoners.

DALEK 1:

Is the young male one of the prisoners?

CARMEN:

(HESITATES) I think you know he's not. Not yet.

DALEK 1:

Was your decision not to apprehend him earlier made for personal reasons?

CARMEN:

Absolutely not.

DALEK 2:

It is your duty to eliminate resistance elements. We are not satisfied that you are dealing robustly enough with these elements.

CARMEN:

Not robustly enough? Ha!

DALEK 1:

You will remember that you are a servant of the – [Daleks]

CARMEN:

No. You will remember that I have been placed in authority here by the Dalek Supreme himself! It is as his representative that I govern Omnia. Have you any idea of the blood that I have on my hands in the service of the Daleks? I helped you win the war. Not robustly enough?? Keep that opinion to yourself.

DALEK 1:

Your insubordination is noted.

CARMEN:

I answer to the Dalek Supreme, not to you. I look forward to his arrival tomorrow with great pleasure. He will hear about your lack of respect towards his emissary.

DALEK 1:

You may go and question the prisoners.

CARMEN:

(SARCASM) Why thank you.

SHE HEADS FOR THE DOOR AND EXITS INTO —

15. INT. ANTECHAMBER. (CONTINUOUS)

CARMEN ENTERS, DOOR CLOSES. SHE STOPS, STEADIES HERSELF,
DROPPING HER MASK OF BRAVADO.

CARMEN:

(LONG, NERVOUS EXHALATION) One day I'll push it too far.

SHE WALKS ON.

16. EXT. STREET.

ALDO AND PERI WALK QUICKLY DOWN THE STREET.

PERI:

If we stay on the street, it's only a matter of time until the Watchers find us.

ALDO:

My dwelling unit is around the next corner. We'll be safe there.

THEY REACH THE CORNER. ABOUT TO TURN INTO THE STREET WHEN PERI HALTS.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Stop!

THEY HALT, STEP BACK.

ALDO:

What is it?

A GROUP OF BOOTED FIGURES MILLS AROUND IN NEAR-DISTANCE.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Watchers. Five or six of them.

ALDO:

(SOTTO) Let me see. (PEERS AROUND CORNER) They're at my dwelling unit!

PERI:

(SOTTO) They must know it was you in the Forbidden Quadrant. We'll have to find somewhere else to hide.

ALDO:

It'll be curfew soon. If the Watchers catch anyone on the street during curfew they shoot on sight.

PERI:

It's never good news with you, is it?

17. INT. DETENTION CUBE.

A COMPACT CELL WITH TOUGHENED PLEXIGLASS FLOOR, CEILING AND WALLS. THE DOCTOR IS LYING ON A BASIC INBUILT PLEXIGLASS BED. HE STIRS.

DOCTOR:

(REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS) Ungh... Oh that stung...

SHAYNA IS IN THE ADJACENT CUBE AND RAPS ON THE WALL.

SHAYNA:

(THROUGH GLASS, THROUGHOUT) Doctor? Thank goodness you're awake.

THE DOCTOR SITS.

DOCTOR:

Shayna? Glad to see you're alive. Me too, for that matter. The sizzlers were obviously set to stun, thank goodness.

SHAYNA:

Kalib's here too, next cell along. He's still out.

DOCTOR:

Where are we?

SHAYNA:

In the Overcity.

DOCTOR:

I was hoping to see the Overcity. But not like this.

THE DOCTOR STANDS, LOOKS AROUND. TAPS AT THE PLEXIGLASS.

DOCTOR:

Toughened glass. Handy for keeping an eye on us, I suppose.

A DOOR OPENS.

SHAYNA:

Someone's coming... It's Rega!

DOCTOR:

Who?

SHAYNA:

Carmen Rega. The Magister. (HUSHED) The masters' puppet.

CARMEN APPROACHES.

CARMEN:

Shayna. I'm disappointed to see you here. And Kalib. Dear dear.

SHAYNA:

(MEEK) Magister.

DOCTOR:

You know each other?

CARMEN:

But I don't know you. An off-worlder, from your bio-readout. Yes?

DOCTOR:

Quite so. I'm the Doctor.

CARMEN:

Off-worlders are rare on Omnia.

DOCTOR:

And yet your world is enslaved by some of them.

CARMEN:

You were in a restricted zone in the company of dissidents.

SHAYNA:

Magister, please. I — [can explain]

CARMEN:

Quiet, Shayna. Doctor, it's clear that you're part of an off-world conspiracy to support Omnian resistance groups. You will face the ultimate sanction for your actions.

DOCTOR:

No trial? Do I not receive a hearing before sentence is passed?

CARMEN:

You do.

DOCTOR:

Excellent.

CARMEN:

This is it.

DOCTOR:

Ah.

CARMEN:

It may help your circumstances if you answer my questions.

DOCTOR:

If I can.

CARMEN:

Why were you in the Forbidden Quadrant?

DOCTOR:

Would you believe, sightseeing?

CARMEN:

And why were you there with Aldo?

DOCTOR:

Aldo? I don't think I know an Aldo...

CARMEN:

My son. What were you doing in a forbidden area with my son.
Aldo Rega.

18. EXT. ALLEY.

ALDO AND PERI ENTER AND STOP.

PERI:

We'll stay off the main streets for now.

ALDO:

We need to think.

PERI:

We also need to find out where they've taken the Doctor and the others, and rescue them.

ALDO:

They'll be disappeared. They're beyond help now.

PERI:

You don't know the Doctor.

ALDO:

If we're captured, we'll be disappeared too. Even me. She won't be able to prevent it.

PERI:

She?

ALDO:

The Magister. She's the Daleks' emissary.

PERI:

Why should she want to prevent you being disappeared?

ALDO:

Because she's my mother.

PERI:

Your mother?! Your mother runs this planet?

ALDO:

My mother, the turncoat. The traitor.

19. INT. DETENTION CUBE.

(CONTINUE SC. 17)

CARMEN:

He hasn't spoken to me in over ten years. He even chose to relinquish his status and have himself re-designated as a Low-Class work unit.

DOCTOR:

Rather than join you in your exalted position alongside the Daleks. Good lad.

CARMEN:

Is Aldo with the resistance?

DOCTOR:

If I say no, would you believe me? And if I say yes, what would you do with him?

CARMEN:

As the representative of the Daleks, I have to be... thorough. For the sake of my people and my planet.

DOCTOR:

And to protect your own skin.

CARMEN:

I'll give you an hour to reflect on your situation, Doctor. After that time, you should tell me everything you know. Otherwise I'll have no choice but to hand you over for Dalek interrogation.

SHE TURNS ON HER HEEL TO LEAVE.

CARMEN:

One hour, Doctor.

SHE EXITS, DOOR CLOSES.

SHAYNA:

What are you going to do when she comes back?

DOCTOR:

With any luck, I won't be here. And neither will you two.

SHAYNA:

What?

DOCTOR:

Those Watchers of hers need to work on basic policing skills. Including search techniques.

HE PRODUCES THE KEY TERMINAL FROM A POCKET.

DOCTOR:

Ta-da!

SHAYNA:

Aldo's key terminal!

DOCTOR:

Yes, I managed to conceal it before I was sizzled.

HE GOES TO THE CUBE DOOR.

DOCTOR:

Now... It's just a matter of finding the correct frequency.

HE CRACKS IT OPEN, ADJUSTS THE CIRCUITRY INSIDE. IT GIVES OFF THE OSCILLATING TONE AS BEFORE.

DOCTOR:

See if you can wake Kalib while I do this.

SHAYNA:

Will do.

DOCTOR:

This may take some time. Hopefully less than an hour.

20. EXT. ALLEY.

ALDO:

I have a friend who lives nearby. Marris. He wouldn't want to be involved in any trouble, but he might take us in, til the morning at least.

PERI:

Worth a try.

A SONOROUS KLAXON RESONATES ACROSS THE CITY.

ALDO:

Oh no.

PERI:

What's that?

ALDO:

The curfew signal. If we're seen now, we're dead.

21. INT. CARMEN'S CHAMBER.

CARMEN'S COMMS SET PINGS.

CARMEN:

Yes?

OPERATIVE:

(DISTORT) Incoming call for you from the Dalek Supreme.

CARMEN:

Put it through to my wall screen.

CALL ENDS, AND A WALL SCREEN ACTIVATES WITH A FLOURISH.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme, I trust your journey is unimpeded?

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) I shall arrive on schedule.

CARMEN:

I look forward to seeing you again.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) It is reported to me that you have had an incident of rebellion.

CARMEN:

Hardly that. A trespass in the Forbidden Quadrant.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) Involving your son.

CARMEN:

As far as my duties are concerned, I have no son.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) That is the correct response.

CARMEN:

Aldo Rega was present. However, I have questioned my prisoners and I'm satisfied that the main culprit is an off-worlder. A male humanoid.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) An off-worlder? From where does he originate?

CARMEN:

As yet, unknown. He's called the Doctor. I'm about to begin a second round of - [questioning]

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) (AGITATED) The Doctor??

CARMEN:

(PUZZLED) That's the name he gave.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) The Doctor is an enemy of the Daleks!

22. INT. DETENTION CUBE.

THE KEY TERMINAL OSCILLATES THROUGH DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES.

DOCTOR:

(FRUSTRATED) Come on, one of these frequencies must be –

THE CUBE UNLOCKS WITH A TONE AND A CLICK. THE DOOR OPENS.

DOCTOR:

Success!

HE EXITS HIS CUBE.

23. INT. DETENTION AREA. (CONTINUOUS)

A CORRIDOR-LIKE AREA WITH A LINE OF DETENTION CUBES. THE DOCTOR GOES TO SHAYNA'S CUBE AND UNLOCKS IT WITH THE SAME TONE FROM THE KEY TERMINAL. HER DOOR SLIDES OPEN.

DOCTOR:

Out you come, Shayna.

SHAYNA:

(EMERGING) Thank you!

DOCTOR DOES THE SAME ON THE NEXT CUBE. TONE, DOOR OPENS.

DOCTOR:

And you, Kalib. How are you feeling? Recovered?

KALIB EMERGES.

KALIB:

(WOOZY) Just about.

DOCTOR:

Right, let's go. We'll find an elevator and get you two down to ground level.

KALIB:

What about you?

DOCTOR:

I'll stay a while longer. I have to find out what the Daleks are up to. First, of course, I have to find the right frequency for this exit...

HE PREPARES THE KEY TERMINAL.

THE DOOR LOCK CLICKS.

SHAYNA:

You did it!

DOCTOR:

That wasn't me. It was unlocked on the other side. Step back.

THEY BACK AWAY AS THE DOOR OPENS.

TWO DALEKS ENTER.

DALEK 1:

You are the Doctor! You are an enemy of the Daleks!

DOCTOR:

Now, Daleks...

DALEK 2:

Exterminate!!

THEY FIRE.

END OF PART ONE.

PART TWO

REPRISE:

TWO DALEKS ENTER.

DALEK 1:

You are the Doctor! You are an enemy of the Daleks!

DOCTOR:

Now, Daleks...

DALEK 2:

Exterminate!!

THEY FIRE.

CONTINUES INTO:

24. INT. DETENTION AREA.

SHAYNA AND KALIB:

(SCREAM AND DIE)

DOCTOR:

Nooo!!

DALEK 1:

Do not move, Doctor!

DOCTOR:

Those were two innocent people!

DALEK 2:

Their lives have no value. But the Dalek Supreme orders that you are to remain alive, pending interrogation.

CARMEN ENTERS.

DOCTOR:

And here's your pet Omnian. Hello, Magister.

CARMEN:

Please do as they say, Doctor.

DALEK 1:

You will be removed to a secure Dalek containment cell.

DALEK 1:

Move!

ON THE WAY TO THE DOOR, THE DOCTOR STOPS BY CARMEN.

DOCTOR:

If your son had been here, Carmen, do you think they would have hesitated to shoot him too? Would his life have had 'no value'? ... Think on that.

DALEK 1:

Move!

DOCTOR:

Alright. No need to push.

THE DOCTOR EXITS. DALEKS FOLLOW.

CARMEN:

(SHUDDERING SIGH) I do think about it, Doctor...

SHE FOLLOWS.

25. EXT. STREET.

ALDO AND PERI OUTSIDE A DWELLING.

MARRIS:

No!

THE DOOR SLAMS CLOSED.

ALDO:

Marris! Let us in!

PERI:

Aldo, be quiet! It's no good. You said yourself, your friend doesn't like trouble. We should get out of sight.

WATCHER:

(DISTANCE) Continue grid patrol pattern!

PERI:

Watchers up ahead. They're everywhere.

ALDO:

This is hopeless.

A DOOR ACROSS THE STREET OPENS.

HINGUS:

(FROM DOORWAY) Psst! You two. Get in here. Quickly.

PERI:

Someone wants to help. Come on, Aldo.

THEY RUN ACROSS THE STREET.

26. INT. CARMEN'S QUARTERS.

CARMEN ENTERS, CROSSES TO COMPUTER.

CARMEN:

Computer. Open a channel to the Dalek flagship.

WALL SCREEN ACTIVATES. AFTER A MOMENT -

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) Report.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme, the Doctor is now in Dalek detention ready for interrogation upon your arrival.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) And his co-prisoners?

CARMEN:

(WITH HEAVY HEART) Exterminated... as per instructions.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) Excellent.

CONTINUE INTO -

27. INT. DALEK FLAGSHIP: CONTROL DECK. (CONTINUOUS)

IN FLIGHT. DALEK 'HEARTBEAT' AMBIENCE.

DALEK SUPREME:

I have issued orders for my Daleks to seek and retrieve the Doctor's TARDIS.

CARMEN:

TARDIS?

DALEK SUPREME:

His travel machine. You, however, will now make it your priority to locate his companion.

CARMEN:

(D) He has a companion?

DALEK SUPREME:

There were two others who entered the Forbidden Quadrant with him. Aldo Rega, and another whose bio-readout identifies her as a human female. The Doctor typically travels with a human. She is a threat. She must be detained or exterminated.

CARMEN:

(D) Understood.

DALEK SUPREME:

Aldo Rega has associated with her, and with the Doctor. He must also be detained or exterminated. Is this understood? Answer.

28. INT. CARMEN'S QUARTERS. (CONTINUOUS)

CARMEN HESITATES, THEN -

CARMEN:

Perfectly understood. Aldo Rega will be detained, or exterminated.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) The Doctor will have made contact with a resistance group of which Aldo Rega is a member.

CARMEN:

This is likely, I agree.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) You will identify the members of this group.

CARMEN:

They will be found, Dalek Supreme.

DALEK SUPREME:

(D) Do not fail.

THE SCREEN DEACTIVATES.

CARMEN:

A companion... ?

29. INT. HINGUS'S DWELLING: HALLWAY. (CONTINUOUS)

PERI AND ALDO RUN IN. HINGUS CLOSES THE DOOR.

ALDO:

Thank you!

HINGUS:

Wait. Listen.

OUTSIDE, A SQUAD OF WATCHERS PASS AT A RUNNING MARCH. WHEN THEY'VE PASSED —

HINGUS:

Well, that was a timely extraction if I say so myself.

ALDO:

Extraction?

HINGUS:

Sorry. Once a soldier, always a soldier. Extraction. Removal from hostile territory.

PERI:

In other words, rescue. And we're very grateful, mister... ?

HINGUS:

Call me Hingus. Hingus Steen, formerly Sergeant Steen of the Omnian Third Regiment.

PERI:

I'm Peri, this is Aldo.

HINGUS:

Come on through to my billet.

HE LEADS THEM INTO —

30. INT. HINGUS'S DWELLING: HABITAT AREA. (CONTINUOUS)

A COMPACT LIVING SPACE. HINGUS LEADS IN PERI AND ALDO.

HINGUS:

This is my habitat. It's not much...

ALDO:

(SOTTO) You're not kidding.

HINGUS:

... but it's a palace compared to some of the places I bedded down in my service. Take a seat.

PERI:

Thanks.

PERI AND ALDO SIT.

ALDO:

This is kind of you, Mister Stee- Hingus.

HINGUS:

I keep a watch out during curfew, just in case there's some poor souls like you caught out before you can get home.

PERI:

Not just kind, but brave.

HINGUS:

What's an old soldier to do but help where he can? You'll stay the night, of course. You'll not want to go back out there.

PERI:

I need to find my friend...

ALDO:

Not much we can do during curfew.

HINGUS:

The lad's right, miss. I'll make you something to eat. Some broth. It's simple rations, but nourishing. I'll only be a few minutes.

HE EXITS TO THE KITCHEN.

PERI:

It looks like we're staying then.

ALDO:

At least we'll be safe.

PERI:

Which is more than we can say for the Doctor.

31. INT. DALEK CELL.

THE DOCTOR RAPS ON THE THICK METAL WALL.

DOCTOR:

Hmm.

THE DOOR OPENS, DALEK STYLE. CARMEN ENTERS.

DOCTOR:

Hello again.

CARMEN:

Testing the walls?

DOOR CLOSES.

DOCTOR:

This metal must be over two feet thick. That seems excessive just to keep a prisoner in their cell.

CARMEN:

It's a Dalekenium alloy, apparently.

DOCTOR:

Alloyed with what? And for what reason? Dalekenium is immensely strong in itself.

CARMEN:

I only know the Daleks use it everywhere on Omnia.

DOCTOR:

It's most curious...

CARMEN:

Doctor... I'm sorry for what happened to Shayna and Kalib.

DOCTOR:

You didn't kill them.

CARMEN:

If I could have saved them, I would. But where the Daleks are concerned, my authority only goes so far...

DOCTOR:

That's often the way with puppet leaders.

CARMEN:

I'm a well informed 'puppet'. For instance, I'm aware that a short time ago Dalek scanners located a certain blue box in the Western forests, and it's currently being brought to the Overcity.

DOCTOR:

Oh.

CARMEN:

Your... TARDIS? Yes?

DOCTOR:

Well informed indeed.

CARMEN:

I also know about your companion. The Daleks are aware you had a human female with you.

DOCTOR:

Really?

CARMEN:

I've been ordered to find her. If you can assist with her location, and that of the resistance group who are harbouring her and my son, I can seek assurances from the Dalek Supreme for her safety.

DOCTOR:

She'd be a prisoner of the Daleks. That's about as unsafe as it gets.

CARMEN:

You know the Daleks, so you know how powerful they are. And how ruthless. The only hope is to co-operate.

DOCTOR:

Co-operate? Or do you mean collaborate? Like you. Siding with the Daleks to subjugate and oppress your own people.

CARMEN:

You don't know me. You don't know what I've been through, or what this planet went through.

DOCTOR:

As it happens, I've witnessed more Dalek invasions than I care to list.

CARMEN:

You've been to the Forbidden Quadrant. That was one shot from a Dalek superweapon that did that. Buildings flattened, thousands killed. If not for me, that would have happened across the entire surface of Omnia.

DOCTOR:

And just what did you do?

CARMEN:

I was on the Ruling Council. Adviser to the Magister, who was a tyrant. And an arrogant fool. When the Dalek fleet appeared in our atmosphere and began their attack, they devastated the ships we sent against them. They were like fleas against the Dalek saucers. But the Magister ordered the fleet to fight to the death. "Battle to the last Omnian! In the atmosphere, on the ground, in our homes. Fight! Even unto death!" I'm quoting his public address.

DOCTOR:

Not the most rational of strategies.

CARMEN:

I tried to convince him to see sense. He threatened to have me imprisoned. And so, I thought about it, and I looked at my child, my young son. And then I contacted the Dalek flagship.

DOCTOR:

Did you now?

CARMEN:

It was that, or stand by while millions more Omnians were needlessly slaughtered.

DOCTOR:

I'm not saying I can't appreciate your predicament. What did you say to the Daleks?

CARMEN:

I gave them the location of the Magister's base of operations. He was dead less than two minutes later.

DOCTOR:

How very efficient of the Daleks.

CARMEN:

I went on public broadcast and told the people that the Daleks had accepted our unconditional surrender.

DOCTOR:

And then, with the Magister dead, all hail Magister Carmen Rega?

CARMEN:

(SHORT LAUGH) If only it had been that easy.

32. INT. HINGUS'S DWELLING: LIVING AREA.

PERI, ALDO AND HINGUS AROUND A TABLE EATING BROTH.

ALDO:

(EATING) This is tasty. Thank you.

HINGUS:

Least I could do is supply you with rations... Listen. You can tell me to mind my own business if you like, but you two weren't just caught out by the curfew, were you? You're on the run.

PERI:

What makes you think that?

HINGUS:

It's this one.

ALDO:

Me?

HINGUS:

You've been on edge like a startled mudrat since you got here, son. The slightest noise outside and your head snaps round. You're hiding from the Watch.

ALDO:

Yes.

PERI:

Aldo...

HINGUS:

Don't fret Miss Peri. You've nothing to worry about with old Hingus. I'm no lover of those bullies. They may wear uniform, but it's not the uniform of the Omnian army.

PERI:

How long were you in the army, Hingus?

HINGUS:

Over thirty years, man and boy. Fighting first for my continent, then for my planet.

PERI:

You fought the Daleks?

HINGUS:

I watched my mates die under their death rays, if you call that fighting.

ALDO:

Must have been frightening.

HINGUS:

A soldier of the Third don't get frightened, son. He gets angry. And here's me now, out of the army, and still angry.

ALDO:

Me too.

HINGUS:

Oh yeah? How angry?

ALDO:

Well... angry. You know.

HINGUS:

Only... There's a few of us angry enough to think it's time we made a difference. We're getting together tomorrow. Would you be interested?

PERI:

Interested, sure.

HINGUS:

That's what I like to hear. The more of us the better. Tomorrow, it starts. Tomorrow, we resist!

ALDO:

Resist! Yeah!

HINGUS PICKS UP HIS BOWL AND STANDS.

HINGUS:

When you're done, I'll clear away and you can get some sleep.

PERI:

Thank you.

HINGUS:

I'll fetch some blankets.

HE EXITS.

ALDO:

That's a bit of luck!

PERI:

Maybe...

ALDO:

The resistance, Peri! Finally. And with their help we might stand a chance of freeing Shayna and Kalib and the Doctor.

PERI:

Let's see what this group is like first.

33. INT. DALEK DETENTION CELL.

(CONTINUE SC. 31)

CARMEN:

The Daleks' idea of clemency was to let me live, but on a slave planet. Six months I was there. I was lucky to survive. I still have the scars.

DOCTOR:

So how did you end up back here?

CARMEN:

One day, I was taken out of the slave pit, given medical treatment, and taken to the Dalek Supreme. He told me I was going to be his emissary on Omnia, and run the planet with a token squad of Daleks. Also, if I didn't ensure total obedience to Dalek rule, then Omnia would become a replica of the hell I had spent the last months in.

DOCTOR:

Now why would the Daleks decide that, after six months?

CARMEN:

He didn't share his reasons. Maybe they didn't want to commit too many Daleks to a world in the middle of nowhere. As long as they got their vitanium they were happy.

DOCTOR:

Vitanium?

CARMEN:

It's a mineral used in – [space travel]

DOCTOR:

I know what it is. An ultra-efficient power source, used in most hyper-speed space drives.

CARMEN:

Including the drive systems of Dalek saucers.

DOCTOR:

And extremely rare.

CARMEN:

But abundant on Omnia.

DOCTOR:

No wonder they were keen to come here.

CARMEN:

I took up my position as Magister, and initiated a system of governance that lets most of my people live their lives in relative freedom. At the same time, I have to exercise zero tolerance for any show of resistance towards the Daleks.

DOCTOR:

'Zero tolerance'... Oh, Carmen.

CARMEN:

If I wasn't ruthless in crushing defiance of the Daleks, their reprisals would be far more terrible. And that's why it's vital I find your companion, and my son, and their resistance friends, before they do something that will have dire consequences.

DOCTOR:

Your son is angry, Carmen, and he wants a better world. You should be proud of him for that. But he's not in any resistance group.

CARMEN:

Is that the truth?

DOCTOR:

I said you wouldn't believe me.

CARMEN:

The Dalek Supreme arrives tomorrow. He's coming to collect the latest vitanium shipment, and now you're on his itinerary as well. He'll get whatever information he wants from you, by whatever means he chooses. You should tell me now.

DOCTOR:

I'll tell you one thing. You do have a resistance problem on this planet. A serious one.

CARMEN:

Where?

DOCTOR:

You're looking at him.

MUSIC SEGUE – PASSAGE OF TIME.

34. EXT. STREET: OUTSIDE HINGUS'S DWELLING.

MORNING. BUSY WITH CITIZENS TO AND FRO.

HINGUS ON THE STREET, APPROACHES THE DOOR AND KNOCKS.

HINGUS:

Ok. Coast is clear.

FX: DOOR OPENS, PERI AND ALDO APPEAR.

PERI:

Well?

HINGUS:

I've checked ahead. The others are waiting for us. Come on.

ALDO AND PERI EMERGE AND SHUT THE DOOR.

PERI:

You're sure it's safe?

ALDO:

I don't see any of the Watch, at least.

HINGUS:

I know their regular patrols. I'll keep us out of their way.

THEY WALK UP THE STREET.

HINGUS:

It's not far, a couple of blocks. A warehouse in the old factory district.

PERI:

Who are these people we're meeting?

HINGUS:

People I've met as I go about my day, like you.

ALDO:

How do you know you can trust them?

HINGUS:

You have to trust someone sometime. I mean, how do I know I can trust you?

PERI:

We could say the same of you.

HINGUS:

Absolutely! (LAUGHS) But here we are, trusting each other. Come on, let's go and meet them.

THEY WALK ON.

MUSIC SEGUE.

35. INT. WAREHOUSE.

A LARGE SPACE WITHIN A DERELICT BUILDING. A GROUP OF EIGHT WANNABE DISSIDENTS ARE WAITING.

A SHUTTER DOOR OPENS. HINGUS ENTERS WITH PERI AND ALDO.

HINGUS:

Here we are, all together!

HE DRAWS THE SHUTTER CLOSED AND APPROACHES WITH PERI AND ALDO.

HINGUS:

These are new friends, Peri and Aldo.

DISSIDENTS:

"Hello" / "Hi" / "Hi Peri, Aldo" etc.

PERI:

Hi

ALDO:

Hello.

HINGUS:

Everyone, grab something to sit on and we'll get started. Peri and Aldo, you sit by me.

PEOPLE PULL UP CRATES, BOXES, BARRELS, AS MAKESHIFT SEATS, AND SIT.

ALDO:

(SOTTO, TO PERI) They don't look much like a resistance to me. They're all so nervous.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Them and me both.

HINGUS:

Look at us. Rebels together! Strangers yesterday, comrades today, in a common cause, against the oppression of the Daleks, the Watch, and the Magister!

ALDO AND DISSIDENTS:

(CHEERS) "Hurray!" "Yes!" "Comrades!" etc.

HINGUS:

This is a great day. A great day.

PERI:

But what are we going to do? We have friends in trouble who need help.

HINGUS:

Your friends are our friends now, Peri. Don't worry about that.

PERI:

Glad to hear it.

HINGUS:

For too many years now, we've suffered under the shadow of the Daleks and the Watch. We've been told, 'Do this' and 'Do not do that'. So many citizens disappeared, so many sent to work to their deaths in the vitanium mines.

DISSIDENTS:

"Terrible" / "My brother's in the mines" / "It has to stop" etc.

HINGUS:

The Daleks have stolen so much from us. Friends and family, our liberty, and even our history. We're all of us old enough to remember those days after the war, when the Daleks laid down their laws. We remember the book burnings.

DISSIDENTS:

"Terrible" / "I cried" / "Fires burned through the night" etc.

HINGUS:

From that day on, no books allowed. No written words in any form. No reading. Because they don't want us to know our history. They wanted all records of Omnian history wiped from existence. And in time, wiped from living memory... But not if we have anything to say about that. There is a group of people, blessed with a gift, who have committed themselves to preserving our written history, and the contents of those books that were burned.

ALDO:

The Truth Speakers...

HINGUS:

Yes, Aldo! The Truth Speakers! Thanks be for the Truth Speakers!

PERI:

What are Truth Speakers?

HINGUS:

You've not heard.

ALDO:

There've been rumours for years. Citizens who memorised whole texts of books before they were burned. They keep them in their heads until the day they can be written down again.

PERI:

That's impressive.

ALDO:

I didn't think it was possible.

HINGUS:

It's possible, young Aldo. And to prove it, we have a Truth Speaker among us. Tasha? Come forward.

TASHA STANDS AND JOINS HINGUS.

TASHA:

(TO GROUP) Hello.

HINGUS:

I want to thank Extar there for telling me about Tasha. And Tasha, I want to thank you for joining us today.

TASHA:

'S alright.

HINGUS:

Truth Speakers get their name because not only have they memorised our texts, they can recite them. And that's what Tasha's going to do for us... I expect you've done truth speaking to a few resistance groups, have you, Tasha?

TASHA:

I can't really talk about that. Sorry.

HINGUS:

I shouldn't have asked. Now... shall we begin? Tasha will recite 'The Rise of the Omnian Empire,' by the noted historian Alfrus Killian.

PERI:

Seriously?

HINGUS:

Miss Peri?

PERI:

We're here for a recital? You call that resistance??

HINGUS:

Frankly, yes.

ALDO:

Peri, it is a big deal. No one here has seen, never mind read, a book in twelve years.

PERI:

I get that it matters. But this isn't 'doing something'. This won't rescue the Doctor or your friends, Aldo.

HINGUS:

We all resist in our own ways.

ALDO:

(SOTTO, BETWEEN HIM AND PERI) Peri, we need the help of these people to stand any chance of getting the others back.

BEAT.

PERI:

Alright. I'll listen, and afterwards we can talk about doing more.

HINGUS:

Thank you. Tasha? Would you begin? (TO GROUP) Hush, please.

TASHA:

(COMPOSES HERSELF, THEN -) 'The Rise of the Omnian Empire' by Alfrus Killian. Chapter One... "To tell the story of what we now know as the Omnian Empire, it is necessary to go back over eight hundred years, to a time even before the Clans of the Four Continents. For it is in those dark days, when a myriad of city states were engaged in almost perpetual war with each other, that the seeds of empire were planted..."

36. INT. CITY WALKWAY.

A HIGH WALKWAY IN A VAST ATRIUM OF THE OVERCITY. AN ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS. TWO DALEKS, THE DOCTOR AND CARMEN EMERGE.

DALEK 1:

You will follow.

DOCTOR:

Absolutely, Daleks. After you.

THE DALEKS LEAD THE DOCTOR AND CARMEN ALONG THE WALKWAY.

DOCTOR:

Are you going to tell me where we're going?

CARMEN:

You'll see.

DOCTOR:

I was just getting comfortable in that cell. Still, it's nice to see some of your Overcity. It's certainly a step up from what I saw on the ground.

CARMEN:

It was built by the Daleks. This is their base of operations on Omnia. And also a home for privileged citizens.

DOCTOR:

'Privileged citizens'?

CARMEN:

Those of the High-Class chosen by the Daleks for senior positions. Planners, co-ordinators and the like.

DOCTOR:

And scientists? I noticed we passed a laboratory back there. I would have liked to take a look.

CARMEN:

This isn't a sightseeing tour. But yes, Omnian scientists are working with the Daleks on experimental projects related to the planet's geology. Their local knowledge is priceless.

DOCTOR:

Interesting.

A DOOR AHEAD OPENS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

DOCTOR:

We're going outside?

CARMEN:

Indeed.

37. EXT. SKYBOAT TERRACE. (CONTINUOUS)

THE TOP LEVEL OF THE OVERCITY. A SKYBOAT, LIKE A MINIATURE BLIMP, HOVERS JUST OFF THE TERRACE SURFACE, SUPPORTED BY THRUMMING GRAVITY ENGINES.

CARMEN, THE DOCTOR AND TWO DALEKS EMERGE FROM THE BUILDING.

DOCTOR:

A skyboat. I've not seen one of these in a while.

CARMEN:

Get aboard, Doctor. We're going to meet the Dalek Supreme.

DOCTOR:

We're going to the Dalek flagship?

CARMEN:

The flagship entered the atmosphere ten minutes ago. We'll meet the Dalek Supreme on the ground. You'll see where shortly.

DALEK:

You will board the vessel.

DOCTOR:

I certainly wouldn't like to keep the Dalek Supreme waiting.

HE HEADS UP THE RAMP. CARMEN AND THE DALEKS FOLLOW. THE HATCH CLOSES AND THE SKYBOAT LIFTS OFF.

38. INT. WAREHOUSE.

PERI, ALDO, HINGUS, TASHA AND DISSIDENTS.

TASHA:

"... The battle had been hard fought and at great cost. But with this victory, the last of the city state Warlords had been defeated. Laying the foundations for the first Free Continent superpower, which we would come to know as Omnia Prime." End of Chapter Three.

DISSIDENTS APPLAUD.

HINGUS:

Wonderful, Tasha. Thank you. I know we all feel privileged to hear that text, a reminder of our heritage. And of why we fight.

PERI:

Do we start fighting now, then?

HINGUS:

What do you want us to do?

PERI:

Help set my friends free!

HINGUS:

What do you think we could do? (TO DISSIDENTS) Who here would like to go and take on the masters?

DISSIDENTS:

"They'd kill us" / "We'd get disappeared" / "No way" etc.

PERI:

It would be a start if you called them what they are. Not your masters. Daleks!

HINGUS:

You think you can fight Daleks?

ALDO:

She's fought them before!

HINGUS:

What?

ALDO:

Tell them, Peri.

PERI:

(WARY) Aldo...

ALDO:

Peri and her friend are from off-world. They've fought the Daleks plenty of times, and beaten them.

HINGUS:

Really?

ALDO:

And I've seen a dead Dalek! That's why the Watch are after us. It's true - Daleks can be beaten!

DISSIDENTS:

"Is that true?" / "The masters can die?" etc.

PERI:

They can. And if you help us free the Doctor, he's the one who can beat them for you.

HINGUS:

That's very interesting.

PERI:

Interesting?? That's all you've got to say? (SHE STANDS) We're wasting our time here, Aldo. Let's go.

ALDO:

(STANDS) I suppose.

HINGUS:

(FIRM) You're not going anywhere.

PERI:

I beg your pardon?

HINGUS:

They should be in position by now.

PERI:

Who should?

HE LIFTS A WHISTLE FROM HIS POCKET, BLOWS IT (POLICE WHISTLE).

SHUTTER DOORS ROLL UP AND WATCHERS STRIDE IN, RAISING THEIR GUNS.

DISSIDENTS:

(PANIC) "The Watch!" / "No!" / "We're surrounded!" etc.

HINGUS:

The building is surrounded! You're all under arrest for sedition and conspiracy to suborn the state!

A SINGLE DALEK ENTERS.

DISSIDENTS:
(CRIES OF FEAR)

DALEK:
Stay where you are!

PERI:
So you're a Dalek spy?

HINGUS:
I'm an officer of the Watch. Major Steen, Intelligence section. I catch traitors. And now, it appears, I've caught an off-world insurgent too. Did you hear what they were saying, Dalek?

DALEK:
I heard. Take them for special interrogation.

HINGUS DRAWS A GUN.

HINGUS:
You two will come with me. No tricks, or I'll shoot.

PERI:
Whatever you say.

PERI AND ALDO HEAD FOR THE EXIT WITH HINGUS FOLLOWING. WE GO WITH THEM.

AS THEY APPROACH THE EXIT -

HINGUS:
Interrogation. You're lucky.

ALDO:
How does that make us lucky?

TASHA:
(MID-DISTANCE) You can't stop the resistance! You can't stop the truth being spoken!

HINGUS:
I think we can.

AS HINGUS, PERI AND ALDO EXIT, BEHIND THEM -

DALEK:
Exterminate!

THE DALEK OPENS FIRE.

DISSIDENTS:

(SCREAM AND DIE)

PERI:

No!

HINGUS:

What did I tell you? Lucky. For now. Keep walking.

39. INT. SKYBOAT.

SKYBOAT IN FLIGHT.

DALEK PILOT:

Arrival in one hundred rels.

CARMEN:

Our destination is about to come into sight, Doctor.

DOCTOR:

I see the treeline. And beyond it... Ah. Your vitanium mines.

CARMEN:

The Dalek Supreme's flagship has come to collect the vitanium, so its cargo shuttles will land here. The Dalek Supreme will descend with them. We'll make a pass over the mine before we land, you'll get a good view of the operation.

THE SHUTTLE TILTS AND TURNS.

DOCTOR:

Only too good. Omnians may enjoy your 'relative freedom' within the cities, but here... slave labour.

CARMEN:

I tried to limit mineworking to criminals and dissidents, but the work requires a lot of people.

DOCTOR:

No-one should be made to work in conditions like this.

DALEK:

Descending to land on Western escarpment.

THE BOAT DESCENDS.

40. EXT. MINE ESCARPMENT.

HIGH ABOVE THE MINEWORKS. BELOW, WORK PARTIES PUSH CARTS ON RAILS.

THE SKYBOAT LANDS. RAMP DESCENDS, HATCH OPENS, AND THE DOCTOR EMERGES. HE APPROACHES THE ESCARPMENT EDGE. CARMEN AND DALEKS FOLLOW.

DOCTOR:

Some of those poor wretches are on their last legs.

CARMEN:

The Daleks insist on receiving a large quantity of vitanium every quarter. That means the labour groups have to be worked hard.

DOCTOR:

I won't stand for it. And neither should you.

CARMEN:

Do you not think if I could have it another way I would?

DOCTOR:

I don't know. Would you? Or perhaps you can leave it to me.

CARMEN:

In case you've forgotten, you're a Dalek prisoner.

DOCTOR:

I haven't let that stop me in the past. (LOOKING AGAIN AT THE MINE) One thing is odd here.

CARMEN:

What's that?

DOCTOR:

There are no Daleks down there. Usually there would be several, exterminating the occasional slave to make a point. The only guards I see are Omnians - Watchers.

CARMEN:

There are very few Daleks on Omnia. It's mainly my Watch and I who keep order on their behalf.

DOCTOR:

Now, don't you think that's unusual?

CARMEN:

(SARCASM) It's my first time ruling a Dalek occupied world, Doctor. I have no idea how they've done things elsewhere.

DOCTOR:

You were on a Dalek slave world for a time. You must have seen many more Daleks there.

CARMEN:

This is not a slave world.

DOCTOR:

Now who's being naïve?

DALEK:

Dalek Supreme approaching!

CARMEN:

Look up, Doctor.

HIGH ABOVE, THE DALEK SUPREME'S FLAGSHIP DESCENDS THROUGH THE CLOUDS. A SAUCER MILES ACROSS, WITH REVERBERATING ENGINES.

DOCTOR:

Bringing his flagship down. Making quite an entrance, I must say.

THE SAUCER PASSES OVER OUR HEAD AND MOVES AWAY OVER THE MINEWORKS. IT TAKES UP A HOVERING POSITION ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE MINEWORKS.

CARMEN:

They'll drop the cargo shuttles now, to recover the containers of vitanium. They're stacked over there, on the far side of the mineworks.

A FLOTILLA OF CARGO SHUTTLES IS RELEASED BY THE DALEK SAUCER AND DESCEND INTO THE MINEWORKS.

DOCTOR:

The vitanium containers are unusually bulky. That Dalekenium alloy again?

CARMEN:

I expect so.

SEVERAL DALEK TRANSOLAR DISCS EMERGE FROM THE SAUCER AND APPROACH.

DOCTOR:

I spy Daleks emerging from the saucer too, on their transolar discs. And I expect... ah yes. Here he comes, resplendent in black and gold. The Dalek Supreme. With his retinue of bodyguards.

CARMEN:

A word of advice, Doctor. It would help to show the Daleks some respect.

DOCTOR:

Why break the habit of several lifetimes?

THE TRANSOLAR DISCS COME IN, LAND AND POWER DOWN. THE DALEK SUPREME LEAVES HIS PAD AND APPROACHES.

DALEK SUPREME:

You are the Doctor.

DOCTOR:

Hello.

DALEK SUPREME:

You will explain your presence on Omnia.

DOCTOR:

Just visiting.

DALEK SUPREME:

You will be made to answer truthfully.

DOCTOR:

Others have tried that before.

DALEK SUPREME:

Your resistance to questioning is well documented. As is your vulnerability.

DOCTOR:

And what vulnerability is that?

DALEK SUPREME:

The lives of your companions.

CARMEN:

Your friend was detained over an hour ago, Doctor.

SHE LIFTS HER COMMS SET.

CARMEN:

(INTO MIC) Bring them in, Hingus.

A SECOND SKYBOAT APPROACHES.

CARMEN:

Here she comes now.

THE SKYBOAT SWOOPS IN AND LANDS. WHILE IT DOES -

DALEK SUPREME:

Your plans are defeated before they even begin, Doctor.

DOCTOR:

I had no plans, Dalek Supreme. But I'm working on them.

DALEK SUPREME:

Empty rhetoric. You are no longer in a position to threaten the Daleks.

DOCTOR:

Ha. I thought you knew me.

RAMP EXTENDS, HATCH OPENS. ALDO AND PERI EMERGE WITH HINGUS.

HINGUS:

(EMERGING) Out you get.

PERI:

Doctor!

DOCTOR:

Hello Peri.

CARMEN:

Well done, Major Steen.

HINGUS:

Magister.

ALDO:

Doctor. Where are Shayna and Kalib?

DOCTOR:

I'm so sorry, Aldo... they were killed by the Daleks.

ALDO:

(FURY) And you wonder why I hate you, mother??

CARMEN:

(TORN) Aldo...

DALEK SUPREME:

You will all be taken for interrogation. Doctor, you will watch your companion and her friend suffer until you tell us the details of the Omnian resistance groups you have been assisting.

DOCTOR:

I told you, I'm just visiting. But if I see any of those resistance groups they'll certainly be welcome to my help.

CARMEN:

Hingus. Take them in your skyboat.

DALEK SUPREME:

A Dalek will accompany you.

DALEK:

I obey.

HINGUS GESTURES WITH HIS GUN.

HINGUS:

Get aboard, the lot of you.

PERI:

(WRILY) We only just got here.

DOCTOR:

Come on, Peri. Chop chop.

HE STRIDES UP THE RAMP. HINGUS, PERI AND ALDO FOLLOW.

41. INT. HINGUS'S SKYBOAT. (CONTINUOUS)

THE DOCTOR STRIDES IN. HINGUS, PERI AND ALDO FOLLOW.

PERI:

It's good to see you again, Doctor. Though the circumstances could be better.

DOCTOR:

Everything will be fine.

HINGUS:

(ENTERING) It really won't.

HE CROSSES TO CONTROLS, SWITCHES ENGINES ON.

HINGUS:

Once the Dalek's on board we'll be on our way.

ALDO:

(NERVOUS) It's coming up the ramp.

DOCTOR:

He'd better be quick before someone touches these controls.
(FX: TWISTS CONTROL)

THE ENGINES SURGE - THE SKYBOAT PITCHES AND TAKES OFF RAPIDLY.

DALEK:

(OFF, TOPPLING FROM RAMP) Aaaaaah!!

HINGUS:

(STAGGERING BACK, FALLS) Aah!

HINGUS FALLS, HIS GUN CLATTERS TO THE DECK, AND HE REMAINS STILL.

DOCTOR:

Quick, get his gun!

PERI GRABS IT.

PERI:

(NERVOUS) Okay, you! Stay down there or I'll... Hey, he must have banged his head - he's out cold!

THE SKYBOAT PITCHES TO ONE SIDE THEN STRAIGHTENS.

PERI AND ALDO:

Woaaah!

DOCTOR:

Sorry, sorry! Just getting the hang of the controls!

PERI:

Better learn them quick!

42. EXT. MINEWORKS ESCARPMENT.

SKYBOAT ABOVE, ENGINES ERRATIC.

DALEK SUPREME:

Daleks, attack! Shoot down that craft!

DALEKS:

We obey!

THE DALEK SUPREME'S RETINUE TAKE OFF ON TRANSOLAR DISCS AND SWOOP UP TOWARDS THE SKYBOAT, FIRING AS THEY GO.

43. INT. HINGUS'S SKYBOAT.

THE BOAT ROCKS AS IT'S HIT BY DALEK FIRE. ELECTRICAL EXPLOSIONS ERUPT. ENGINES STUTTER.

PERI:

The Daleks are closing in!

DOCTOR:

They've hit the engines. Hold on! We're going down!

THE BOAT DESCENDS RAPIDLY.

44. EXT. MINEWORKS.

MINEWORKERS SCATTER AS THE SKYBOAT COMES DOWN AND SLEWS TO A HALT ACROSS THE GROUND.

MINEWORKERS:

(PANIC, RUNNING) "Run!" / "Get away!" / "It's going to crash!"
etc.

AS THE DUST SETTLES, THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO RUN FROM THE SKYBOAT.

DALEKS ON TRANSOLAR DISCS SWOOP DOWN.

PERI:

The Daleks are right behind us!

DALEKS OPEN FIRE AS THEY PASS OVERHEAD, SHOTS TEARING UP THE GROUND. CONTINUING.

PERI:

(CLOSE CALL) Aaah!

DOCTOR:

(RUNNING) Run for the mine!

DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI:

(EFFORT OF RUNNING)

45. INT. MINEWORKS OPENING.

INSIDE THE TUNNEL. DALEKS SHOOTING OUTSIDE.

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI RUN IN.

PERI:

(RECOVERING) They'll be in here after us in no time.

DOCTOR:

(RECOVERING) Into that lift. We'll go down to the lower level.

THEY RUN TO THE LIFT (OLD STYLE MINE ELEVATOR), GET IN. SHUT THE GATE, AND IT DESCENDS.

46. INT. MINE TUNNEL.

LIFT DESCENDS FROM ABOVE. GATE OPENS. DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO EMERGE.

WILDTRACK:

(MINEWORKERS LABOURING NEARBY)

ALDO:

Where now?

DOCTOR:

First, away from this lift shaft before they follow us down.

PERI:

Hey. Do you hear that?

DOCTOR:

It's a work party. Let's take a closer look.

THEY MOVE OFF.

47. INT. WORK PARTY TUNNEL.

WILDTRACK:

(MINEWORKERS LABOURING, SWINGING PICK-AXES, DIGGING)

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI CLOSE BY.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Those poor people.

ALDO:

(SOTTO) No-one can work for long like this.

DOCTOR:

(SOTTO) I don't see any guards....

PERI:

(SOTTO) There's movement in that side tunnel.

A DALEK ENTERS FROM A SIDE TUNNEL IN MID-DISTANCE.

ALDO:

(SOTTO) A Dalek! ... is it?

THIS 'MINE DALEK' IS DIFFERENT. HEAVY, BULKY, WITH A LOUDER TRACTION SOUND.

DALEK:

(DEEPER, MORE RESONANT THAN USUAL) Keep working! Keep working!

PERI:

(SOTTO) That's the strangest Dalek I ever saw.

DOCTOR:

(SOTTO) The casing is far bulkier than normal. And the head section is entirely enclosed.

ALDO:

What is it? Armour?

DOCTOR:

I don't see why it would need extra armour for mine work. No, it's something else.

PERI:

(SOTTO) We should go before it comes our way.

DOCTOR:

(SOTTO) I agree. Come on.

THEY RETREAT. ALDO DISTURBS SOME ROCKS.

ALDO:

Agh!

PERI:

(SOTTO) Aldo!

WORKERS STOP. THE DALEK TURNS.

DALEK:

Intruders, halt!

PERI:

It's seen us!

DOCTOR:

Run!!

THEY RUN.

DALEK:

Halt!!

THE DALEK FIRES. THE SHOT HITS THE WALL. AN ERUPTION OF SHATTERED ROCK, FOLLOWED BY A CASCADE OF FALLING ROCKS FROM THE ROOF.

DOCTOR:

The roof's collapsing!

DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO:

(CRY OUT AS THE ROOF FALLS) Aaah!

END OF PART TWO.

PART THREE

REPRISE:

DALEK:

Intruders, halt!

PERI:

It's seen us!

DOCTOR:

Run!!

THEY RUN.

DALEK:

Halt!!

THE DALEK FIRES. THE SHOT HITS THE WALL. AN ERUPTION OF SHATTERED ROCK, FOLLOWED BY A CASCADE OF FALLING ROCKS FROM THE ROOF.

DOCTOR:

The roof's collapsing!

DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO:

(CRY OUT AS THE ROOF FALLS) Aaah!

CONTINUE INTO:

48. INT. WORK PARTY TUNNEL.

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI THROW THEMSELVES DOWN AS THE ROOF COLLAPSES BEHIND THEM. THE TUNNEL IS BLOCKED. OUR HEROES THIS SIDE; DALEK AND WORKERS ON THE OTHER.

THE DOCTOR CLIMBS TO HIS FEET.

DOCTOR:

Are you both alright?

PERI AND ALDO STAND.

PERI:

Just about.

ALDO:

Sorry. That was careless of me.

DOCTOR:

Yes it was. But we survived, and happily the rockfall is between us and the Dalek. Let's get moving.

THEY RUN OFF.

49. INT. WORK PARTY TUNNEL.

OTHER SIDE OF THE CAVE-IN.

MINE DALEK:

Alert! Intruders on mine level Beta! Assistance required!
Assistance required!

THE DALEK FIRES, EXPLODING A SECTION OF ROCKFALL.

50. EXT. MINE ESCARPMENT.

HINGUS APPROACHES.

HINGUS:

Magister. Apologies. They took me by surprise.

CARMEN:

Are you injured?

HINGUS:

Just a headache, and a bruised leg. Nothing broken.

THE DALEK SUPREME APPROACHES.

DALEK SUPREME:

The escaped prisoners have been sighted on a lower mine level.

CARMEN:

Watchers are moving into the mines. They'll soon be recaptured.

DALEK SUPREME:

This is your responsibility. Do not fail!

CARMEN:

It would help if your Daleks could assist in the mine. Even for a short – [time]

DALEK SUPREME:

The only Daleks permitted in the mine are those that have been adapted for the purpose! No others will enter.

HINGUS:

I'll go down and take charge.

DALEK SUPREME:

Failure cannot be tolerated.

HINGUS:

They got away from me once. They won't escape me again.

DALEK SUPREME:

You are correct.

THE DALEK SUPREME FIRES.

HINGUS:

(CRIES OUT, FALLS DEAD)

DALEK SUPREME:

His failure had consequences. Any failure on your part will also have consequences.

CARMEN:

(SHAKEN) Understood.

THE DALEK SUPREME HEADS TOWARDS CARMEN'S SKYBOAT.

DALEK SUPREME:

We shall go to the city. Follow.

51. INT. MINE TUNNEL.

THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO RUN IN.

ALDO:

I don't hear anyone coming after us yet. That's something.

DOCTOR:

Still, let's go carefully.

PERI:

Hey. There are no lights here. How come we can see anything at all?

DOCTOR:

This is a vitanium mine. Vitanium is an energy-rich ore. It gives off a light of sorts. Very low lux, but enough to lift at least some of the gloom. In fact...

HE STOOPS, PICKS UP A CHUNK OF ROCK.

DOCTOR:

Here's a lump of it lying loose. (TURNS IT OVER IN HIS HAND) I've never seen a single piece this big. It must be abundant indeed.

ALDO:

I can make out that glow you mentioned. Very faint.

DOCTOR:

Not so faint if it's agitated. Watch. If I hit it...

HE HITS IT OFF THE ROCK WALL AND IT EMITS A SUBTLE HUM OF POWER, FOR A FEW BRIEF MOMENTS.

PERI:

Wow.

DOCTOR:

That's its inherent energy.

THE HUM FROM THE VITANIUM HAS FADED. THE DOCTOR PLACES IT IN HIS POCKET.

DOCTOR:

I'll keep hold of this piece. I'm beginning to form a –
[theory]

PERI:

(INTERRUPTING, SUDDENLY NERVOUS) Doctor. I see something up ahead.

THE DOCTOR STANDS.

DOCTOR:

Oh yes.

ALDO:

Are those... Are those Daleks?

PERI:

We should go back.

DOCTOR:

If they are Daleks, they could have shot us by now. They're very still. I'm going forward to have a look.

PERI:

Not without me.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI WALK FORWARD.

ALDO:

Well I'm not staying here on my own.

HE SCURRIES AFTER THEM.

52. INT. MIDDLE OF MINE TUNNEL. (CONTINUOUS)

WE'RE BY THE METAL OBJECTS AS THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO APPROACH.

PERI:

They are Daleks.

DOCTOR:

Three of them. Standard Daleks, not adapted like that other one.

HE RAPS ON A DALEK DOME.

DOCTOR:

And quite inactive.

ALDO:

They're dead then? Like the one in the Forbidden Quadrant?

DOCTOR:

That one had been shot. These casings are undamaged. If a little dusty and grubby. They've been here for some considerable time. Let's have another look inside.

HE UNFASTENS AND OPENS A DALEK TOP.

DOCTOR:

Ah yes, there you are.

PERI:

Is it dead?

DOCTOR:

Extremely. (REACHES IN) I'll lift it out...

HE LIFTS OUT THE GELATINOUS REMAINS OF THE DALEK CREATURE.

PERI:

Yuck.

DOCTOR:

(DISTASTE) 'Yuck' sums it up rather nicely... And it's decayed away to almost nothing.

ALDO:

It stinks.

DOCTOR:

They don't smell much better when they're fresh. Eugh, I'll put it back.

HE REPLACES IT, AND REPLACES THE LID.

DOCTOR:

(AS HE REPLACES THE CREATURE) There's not much left to tell us how they died.

PERI:

But you have an idea?

DOCTOR:

I do. And it makes it rather urgent that we return to the surface.

ALDO:

But the lift shaft is back there past the rockfall and the Dalek. We can't get out that way. So how?

DOCTOR:

That's a very good question. To which I don't yet have an answer, I'm afraid. Come along.

THEY WALK ON.

MUSIC SEGUE – PASSAGE OF TIME.

53. INT. ANOTHER TUNNEL.

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI WALK THROUGH.

ALDO:

What if we disguise ourselves as mineworkers? Then when they finish their shift, we could mix in with them and get out that way?

DOCTOR:

The Watch will be scrutinising every member of the work party for exactly that ploy.

ALDO:

Well what then?

MANY RUNNING FEET AHEAD, APPROACHING.

PERI:

Someone's coming!

DOCTOR:

Hide! In here!

THEY DUCK INTO A SIDE TUNNEL.

WATCHERS RUNS THROUGH IN FORMATION, AND AWAY.

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI EMERGE.

PERI:

Watchers.

ALDO:

We can't hide from them indefinitely.

PERI:

Hey. They're running towards where we came from, down the elevator shaft.

ALDO:

So?

PERI:

So, however they got down here, it wasn't in that elevator.

ALDO:

They used another way in?

DOCTOR:

Good thinking, Peri. Another elevator perhaps? Which we can hopefully use as a way out. Let's see.

THEY WALK ON.

54. INT. MINE GATE.

THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO APPROACH.

DOCTOR:

Here we are. They must have come through this gate.

PERI GRABS THE BARS OF THE GATE (LIKE A JAIL DOOR) AND TESTS THEM WITH A PULL.

PERI:

Locked, and pretty sturdy. (PEERS IN) I wonder what's in there? I can't see too far.

DOCTOR:

Smooth walls and floor. No vitanium to give off a light.

ALDO:

Can you hear something?

A DISTANT ENERGY-POWERED MOTOR APPROACHES BEYOND THE GATE.

DOCTOR:

Out of sight.

THEY RETREAT INTO A RECESS.

A MONORAIL CARRIAGE, POWERED BY A HUMMING ENERGY SOURCE, PULLS UP SEVERAL YARDS BEYOND THE GATE. A DOOR OPENS AND WATCHERS DISEMBARK.

WATCHER:

Everybody off and arm yourselves! Set to stun.

WATCHERS TAKE SIZZLER GUNS FROM A RACK ON THE WALL AS THE FIRST WATCHER COMES TO THE GATE AND PRESSES A HAND TO A PAD. THE GATE UNLOCKS AND OPENS.

WATCHER:

Straight through to your designated search grid. If you see them, shoot on sight!

THE WATCHERS HURRY THROUGH. GATE CLOSES, THE FIRST WATCHER LOCKS IT WITH HIS HAND ON THE PAD, THEN FOLLOWS.

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI EMERGE.

PERI:

I'm glad they didn't start searching here.

ALDO TRIES THE GATE.

ALDO:

It was too much to hope they wouldn't lock the gate.

PERI:

They came off some kind of subway carriage.

ALDO:

It's the old public monorail. The Watch use it to get around the city. It makes sense they'd extend it to the mines.

PERI:

That's our ride out of here, if we can reach it. I don't suppose you'd know how to bypass the lock, Doctor?

DOCTOR:

That's a triple-encrypted handprint reader. Any attempt to bypass it would melt the mechanism.

ALDO:

We're stuck here then?

DOCTOR:

Not necessarily. Look at the lock. Below the handprint pad.

ALDO:

What? That circle thing?

PERI:

That's a Dalek control.

DOCTOR:

Exactly. For use by a Dalek sucker. Their suckers are fitted with circuitry that's as individual as a fingerprint. The lock reads the circuitry and opens.

ALDO:

That helps us?

PERI:

(SMILING) We happen to know where there's a spare Dalek sucker not far from here, don't we?

DOCTOR:

Or three_

55. INT. DALEK CONTROL ROOM.

TWO DALEKS AT INSTRUMENTS AS THE DOOR OPENS. DALEK SUPREME AND CARMEN ENTER.

DALEK:

Dalek Supreme entering the Control Room!

DALEK SUPREME:

Report.

DALEK:

There have been no further sightings of the prisoners.

DALEK SUPREME TURNS TO CARMEN.

DALEK SUPREME:

Your people have failed!

CARMEN:

Those tunnels are like a maze, and they stretch for over a mile. Every Watcher I can spare has been sent in. It's only a matter of time.

DALEK SUPREME:

It is imperative that the Doctor is recaptured.

CARMEN:

He will be. Whatever it takes.

56. INT. MINE MONORAIL STATION.

DOCTOR:

You can do the honours, Peri. Press the sucker to the circle.

PERI:

Here goes...

SHE PRESSES A DALEK SUCKER TO THE LOCK. THE LOCK BEEPS, THEN UNLOCKS. THE GATE OPENS.

DOCTOR:

Success. Let's get aboard that carriage before more watchers arrive.

THEY PASS THROUGH THE GATE. ALDO GOES TO THE WEAPONS RACK ON THE WALL.

ALDO:

There's a rack of sizzler guns here. We should take one.

DOCTOR:

I don't believe in weapons.

ALDO:

But the Watch do. And we might meet them.

HE TAKES A GUN, ADJUSTS THE SETTING.

ALDO:

I'll put it on stun.

DOCTOR:

(RELUCTANT) Alright. But stun only.

PERI:

Let's go.

THEY BOARD THE MONORAIL CARRIAGE.

57. INT. MONORAIL CARRIAGE. (CONTINUOUS)

A COMPACT VERSION OF A SUBWAY CARRIAGE.

THE DOCTOR, ALDO AND PERI ENTER.

PERI:

This is cosy.

DOCTOR:

A fairly simple set of controls. Green, presumably, is for 'go'.

HE PRESSES A BUTTON. DOORS CLOSE, AND THE MONORAIL SETS OFF ON VITANIUM POWER.

DOCTOR:

And we're off.

PERI:

Where will this take us, Aldo?

ALDO:

There are several stop points. It gets the Watch across the city quickly when they need it.

DOCTOR:

Let's stay out of the way of the Watch if we can. The longer they and the Daleks think we're still in the mine, the better.

58. INT. MONORAIL STOP.

A DOWNSIZED VERSION OF A SUBWAY STATION PLATFORM. THE MONORAIL CARRIAGE EMERGES FROM A TUNNEL AND STOPS. DOOR OPENS. DOCTOR DISEMBARKS, FOLLOWED BY PERI AND ALDO.

DOCTOR:

All change for the Undercity.

PERI:

Looks deserted.

DOCTOR:

Let's hope so.

HE OPENS A DOOR ON THE PLATFORM.

DOCTOR:

A staircase. Perfect. Follow me.

THEY EXIT.

59. INT. STAIRCASE.

DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO CLIMB A STAIRCASE.

PERI:

We're out of the mine. Now what?

DOCTOR:

Now, I need to test a theory. And to do that I need a laboratory.

PERI:

The TARDIS.

DOCTOR:

Unfortunately, that's now in the hands of the Daleks.

PERI:

Oh.

DOCTOR:

It's in the Overcity somewhere. I don't know where exactly, but as it happens I saw another laboratory there.

ALDO:

That's the only laboratory on Omnia. There aren't any others. Not any more.

DOCTOR:

No, the Daleks would frown on allowing Omnians to practise unsupervised science.

THEY'VE REACHED THE TOP OF THE STAIRS.

DOCTOR:

This would appear to be ground level.

HE OPENS A DOOR IN FRONT OF THEM NARROWLY.

DOCTOR:

(LOOKING) All clear.

HE OPENS THE DOOR FULLY AND THEY EXIT.

60. INT. MONORAIL ENTRANCE HALL. (CONTINUOUS)

MARbled FLOOR, TILED WALLS. OPEN TO THE STREET AT ONE END. THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO EMERGE FROM THE STAIRCASE.

ALDO:

I know this station. It's on the Western edge of the city.

DOCTOR:

We need to get into the Overcity. What's the closest entrance from here?

ALDO:

It's not far, but they're all guarded by the Watch.

DOCTOR:

Then we might need some help. If we could contact a resistance group...

ALDO:

Good luck with that. I'd been trying for ages. And when I finally managed it, it turned out to be a trap.

PERI:

(THOUGHTFUL) Truth Speakers...

DOCTOR:

Sorry?

PERI:

There are these people called Truth Speakers. They memorise forbidden books that they read to others. It's part of the resistance effort. If we found a Truth Speaker, that's how we'd get to the resistance.

DOCTOR:

Do we know where to find one?

ALDO:

We met one, but she was killed.

PERI:

I think the Doctor and I know another one.

DOCTOR:

Do we?

61. EXT. GRAVEYARD.

GORDUS IS DIGGING A GRAVE.

GORDUS:

(HUMS TUNELESSLY AS HE DIGS)

THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO APPROACH.

PERI:

Hello again, Gordus.

GORDUS STOPS HIS WORK.

GORDUS:

(WARY) Hello... The Watch didn't get you then?

PERI:

As it happens they did, for a bit.

GORDUS:

Did you come here for a reason?

ALDO:

We wanted to ask you something.

GORDUS:

Who's he?

DOCTOR:

A local friend. Gordus, does the phrase 'Truth Speaker' mean anything to you?

GORDUS:

(NERVOUS) Never heard it. I've got work to do. You'd best be moving along.

PERI:

I met a Truth Speaker. It's an incredible talent. To be able to memorise entire texts and recite them.

GORDUS:

Who was that then?

ALDO:

Her name was Tasha... She was killed. Along with others from the resistance.

GORDUS:

Oh no... Tasha.

DOCTOR:

You knew her. I'm so sorry.

GORDUS:

The killing never ends...

PERI:

The Doctor and I want to get in touch with the resistance. We need their help.

GORDUS:

So?

PERI:

So we thought another Truth Speaker might be able to help. We got to thinking about someone else we knew with a remarkable memory...

DOCTOR:

You're a Truth Speaker aren't you?

GORDUS:

(UNDECIDED, THEN -) ... What if I am?

PERI:

We need your help.

GORDUS:

I might have some friends in the resistance... What do you want from them?

DOCTOR:

I need to get into the Overcity. To do that, I need to cause a diversion.

GORDUS:

What sort of diversion?

DOCTOR:

If you take this coat of mine it will help. And I wonder if your friends might be able to obtain a different set of clothes in return? For me, and for young Aldo here.

62. INT. DALEK CONTROL ROOM.

THE DOOR OPENS. CARMEN ENTERS.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme?

DALEK SUPREME:

Report.

CARMEN:

(NERVOUS) The mine has been fully searched... With no trace of the Doctor, his companion, or the dissident Aldo Rega.

DALEK SUPREME:

They have escaped??

CARMEN:

I've ordered another search. It may be that they eluded – [the first sweep]

DALEK SUPREME:

While the Doctor is at large he is a threat to the Daleks! You will extend the search to the city!

CARMEN:

All Watchers, including those who remain in the Undercity, have been given the Doctor's description.

DALEK SUPREME:

You will find him!

CARMEN:

I obey.

DALEK SUPREME:

(CALMER) It is reported to me that you have been insubordinate to your Dalek masters.

CARMEN:

I am your emissary. What may seem to them like insubordination is merely my determination to ensure your instructions are carried out.

DALEK SUPREME:

I suspect you have concerns for your people above your duty to the Daleks.

CARMEN:

I serve the Daleks entirely.

DALEK SUPREME:

When the Doctor is found, he will be taken to Skaro for extended interrogation. The female and the male, Aldo Rega, will be questioned, then exterminated.

CARMEN:

Exterminated...

DALEK SUPREME:

They will be exterminated by you.

CARMEN:

By me?

DALEK SUPREME:

This will serve as proof of your loyalty to the Daleks.

CARMEN:

I... I obey.

63. EXT. STREET: BY OVERCITY ENTRANCE.

A FEW PEDESTRIANS MILLING AROUND. WE ARE WITH THE DOCTOR AND ALDO, WATCHING THE BOTTOM OF AN OVERCITY SUPPORT COLUMN IN MID-DISTANCE.

ALDO:

There it is. There's a lift inside that support column, leading straight up to the Overcity.

DOCTOR:

And as expected, three of the Watch keeping guard. Are you sure you want to come with me, Aldo? It will be dangerous up there.

ALDO:

You stand a better chance with my local knowledge. It's been years since I was one of the High-Class, but I still remember how to fit in.

DOCTOR:

At least we look the part. Gordus's people did well to get hold of these tunics.

SOUNDS OF A PROTEST GROUP NEARBY HEADING FOR THE SUPPORT COLUMN.

GORDUS, PERI AND RESISTANCE:

We want freedom! We want liberty! Down with the Watch!

DOCTOR:

And here they come now.

ALDO:

Brave of Peri to take part.

DOCTOR:

Brave of them all.

THE GROUP STOPS, KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE FROM THE COLUMN.

WATCHER:

(MID-DISTANCE) This protest is unlawful!

PERI:

(MID-DISTANCE) Come and arrest us then!

WATCHER:

Desist at once!

GORDUS STEPS OUT OF THE GROUP.

GORDUS:

(MID-DISTANCE) You're nothing but thugs! Puppets of the Daleks!

PERI:

Yeah, puppets!

RESISTANCE:

(MID-DISTANCE) (ANGRY PROTESTS) "Yeah, puppets!" "Mindless thugs!" "A shame on Omnia!" etc.

WATCHER:

That coat... you're the fugitive! The Doctor!

GORDUS:

(MID-DISTANCE) Hello! (TO GROUP) Run!

THE GROUP TURNS AND RUNS.

WATCHER:

(MID-DISTANCE) After them!

THE WATCHERS GIVE CHASE.

WHEN THE GROUP AND THE WATCH HAVE LEFT, THE DOCTOR AND ALDO HEAD FOR THE SUPPORT COLUMN. WE GO WITH THEM.

DOCTOR:

That couldn't have gone much better.

ALDO:

Now it gets interesting.

THEY WALK INTO THE OPEN ELEVATOR.

DOCTOR:

(IN ELEVATOR) Up, please.

THE ELEVATOR DOORS CLOSE.

64. INT. DALEK CONTROL ROOM.

DALEK 1:

The Doctor and his companion have been sighted in section Theta Seven! Watchers are giving chase.

CARMEN:

Any sign of Ald- ? Any sign of the dissident male?

DALEK 1:

They are with a resistance group.

DALEK SUPREME:

My bodyguards will leave immediately to assist!

OTHER DALEK:

We obey.

DOOR OPENS, FOUR DALEKS EXIT.

DALEK SUPREME:

Seek – locate – neutralise!

65. EXT. ALLEY.

PERI:

(OFF) In here!

SHE, GORDUS AND THE RESISTANCE GROUP RUN IN.

PERI:

(SOTTO) Perfectly still. And quiet!

THE GROUP PRESSES AGAINST THE WALL.

THREE WATCHERS RUN PAST.

WATCHER:

(RUNNING PAST) They must have come this way! Find them!

ONCE THEY'RE GONE —

GORDUS:

Ha! We did it!

RESISTANCE:

(ELATED AGREEMENT) "We sure did!" / "That showed them!" / "Up the resistance!" etc.

PERI:

I saw the Doctor and Aldo going into the elevator. It's up to them now.

GORDUS SHUCKS OFF THE DOCTOR'S COAT, HANDS IT TO PERI.

GORDUS:

You can give him his coat back when you see him.

PERI:

Thank you.

GORDUS:

Oh, that was so good. And why stop here? We should go after them.

PERI:

What?

GORDUS:

Maybe we'll get a chance to pick one of them off.

RESISTANCE:

(EAGER AGREEMENT) "Yes!" / "A chance to strike back!" / "They won't be expecting it" etc.

PERI:

Are you crazy?

GORDUS:

Why not?

OFF, A WATCHER APPROACHES, RUNNING.

WATCHER:

(OFF) They turned off somewhere. Check the alleys!

THE WATCHER RUNS IN, AND FINDS HIMSELF AMONG THE GROUP.

WATCHER:

(STARTLED) Oh no.

GORDUS:

Hello officer. Get him!

GORDUS AND THE GROUP FALL ON THE WATCHER, DRAGGING HIM TO THE GROUND, PUNCHING AND KICKING.

WATCHER:

(HANDS ARE OVER HIS MOUTH — MUFFLED CRIES) Aah!

PERI:

Don't! You'll kill him! Gordus!

BUT THEY CARRY ON.

66. INT. OVERCITY CORRIDOR.

A FEW CITIZENS MOVING ALONG AS THE DOCTOR AND ALDO WALK DOWN THE CORRIDOR AND HALT.

DOCTOR:

There it is. The laboratory.

ALDO:

What if there's a Dalek in there?

DOCTOR:

There's a glass panel in the door. I'll have a discreet look.

THEY CROSS TO THE DOOR. THE DOCTOR LOOKS THEN STEPS BACK.

DOCTOR:

Just the one Omnian. Which suits what we planned. Are you ready?

ALDO:

Ready.

DOCTOR:

Here we go.

DOCTOR PRESSES A WALL PANEL. DOOR OPENS. HE AND ALDO ENTER.

67. INT. DALEK LABORATORY. (CONTINUOUS)

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND EXPERIMENTS IN PROGRESS, BEEPING AND BUBBLING, AS THE DOCTOR AND ALDO ENTER.

SCIENTIST:

Who the devil are you?

DOCTOR:

Experiment inspectors, you were told to expect us of course.

SCIENTIST:

Actually, no. Experiment... ?

DOCTOR:

Inspectors, that's right. And what are you up to? No don't tell me, let me see... Ah yes, DNA sequencing. Interesting.

SCIENTIST:

Can I see some - [identification]?

DOCTOR:

Identification? My friend here has a sizzler gun, if that will serve?

ALDO PRODUCES THE SIZZLER FROM HIS POCKET.

ALDO:

Hands up.

SCIENTIST'S HANDS SHOOT UP.

SCIENTIST:

(AFRAID) You're the resistance!

DOCTOR:

If you like. Would you open up the closet behind you?

THE SCIENTIST GOES TO A CLOSET, OPENS IT.

DOCTOR:

Lovely. In you pop.

SCIENTIST:

In here?

ALDO:

Or I could shoot you where you stand.

SCIENTIST:

(A SHORT SQUEAL)

THE SCIENTIST HURRIEDLY ENTERS AND CLOSES THE DOOR. THE DOCTOR TAPS A PAD AND THE DOOR LOCKS.

DOCTOR:

(CALLS) As one scientist to another, I apologise.

DOCTOR RETURNS TO THE SCIENTIST'S DESK.

ALDO:

Nice one, Gordus. I said a sizzler would be a good idea.

DOCTOR:

Or even a harmless replica. Now. That DNA sequencing work really is interesting. He was working on a tissue sample. Let me see...

HE REMOVES A SLIDE FROM UNDER A MICROSCOPE.

DOCTOR:

This is Dalek tissue.

ALDO:

Why would the Daleks have an Omnian scientist experimenting with Dalek tissue?

DOCTOR:

If my theory of what affected the Daleks in the mine is right, it would make perfect sense.

ALDO:

And what's that?

DOCTOR:

I should be able to confirm it with the help of this electron microscope... (PRODUCES THE VITANIUM ORE FROM HIS POCKET) and the vitanium I brought from the mine.

68. EXT. ALLEYWAY.

GORDUS AND THE RESISTANCE BACK AWAY FROM THE BEATEN WATCHER.

WATCHER:

(MOANS, INJURED) Ungh...

GORDUS:

I've got his gun. I've got a sizzler! Ha!

PERI:

There was no need for that.

GORDUS:

He's alive, isn't he? With this, we could take out the other two. Get their guns too!

PERI:

I'm having nothing to do with that.

DALEK ON A TRANSOLAR DISC SWOOPS PAST OVERHEAD.

PERI:

What was that?

GORDUS:

It's a Dalek. On one of those flying discs.

PERI:

It'll be looking for us. We should get out of sight.

GORDUS:

But we've got a gun. This is too good a chance to ignore.

PERI:

A chance for what?

THE TRANSOLAR DISC APPROACHES ABOVE.

GORDUS:

It's coming back. Ha! (TURNS A DIAL ON THE SIZZLER; POWER SURGES) Let's turn this up to full power.

PERI:

You're going to shoot it? With that?

GORDUS:

Shoot its disc out from under it. (AIMS UP) Come on, come on...

PERI:

If you shoot, they'll know where we are.

GORDUS:

There he is!

HE FIRES. A FIERCE ARC SHOOTS UP AND EXPLODES ON THE TRANSOLAR DISC.

THE TRANSOLAR DISC GOES INTO A VIOLENT SPINNING DESCENT.

DALEK:

(DISTANT) Out of control! Out of control!

GORDUS:

Got him!

RESISTANCE:

(ECSTATIC CHEER)

GORDUS:

We've got to see this!

THEY RUN INTO THE STREET.

PERI:

Mad.

SHE WALKS AFTER THEM.

69. EXT. STREET. (CONTINUOUS)

GORDUS AND THE RESISTANCE RUN INTO THE STREET AS THE TRANSOLAR DISC WITH DALEK ON BOARD PLUMMETS. PERI WALKS OUT AFTER THEM.

GORDUS:

Yes!

THE DALEK AND TRANSOLAR DISC CRASH NEARBY. THE TRANSOLAR DISC EXPLODES.

RESISTANCE:

(LOUD CHEER)

THE DALEK IS BADLY DAMAGED AMONG FLAMING WRECKAGE.

DALEK:

(WEAK) My... life signs are... impaired.

GORDUS:

Let's finish it.

RESISTANCE:

(LAUGHS/SNIGGERS)

GORDUS AND RESISTANCE APPROACH THE BROKEN DALEK IN NEAR DISTANCE. WE REMAIN WITH PERI.

GORDUS:

Look at me, Dalek. (AIMS GUN)

DALEK:

Under... attack. Under att-

GORDUS FIRES.

THE DALEK CASING EXPLODES.

DALEK:

(DYING CRY) Aaah!

GORDUS:

This is a great day for Omnia! The day the rebellion begins!

PERI:

I've had enough of this.

THE BEATEN WATCHER GRABS HER FROM BEHIND.

WATCHER:

Got you!

PERI:

Aah!

WATCHER:

(THROUGH PAIN OF INJURIES) You're not going anywhere. You're a prisoner of the Watch.

HE SNATCHES THE DOCTOR'S COAT FROM HER.

WATCHER:

What's this you're carrying?

PERI:

(CALLS) Gordus!

GORDUS:

Peri? ... Peri!

AS HE LOOKS AROUND, SEVERAL MORE OF THE WATCH APPEAR, GUNS RAISED.

WATCHER:

You're surrounded! Drop that gun!

GORDUS:

Alright, alright.

HE DROPS THE GUN.

THREE DALEKS ON TRANSOLAR DISCS APPROACH AT SPEED FROM DISTANCE.

PERI:

Oh no. (CALLS) Gordus! More Daleks are coming!

GORDUS:

What? (LOOKS UP) Oh no.

DALEKS:

(FROM ABOVE) Exterminate!

PERI:

No!!!

THREE DALEK GUNS FIRE REPEATEDLY.

GORDUS AND RESISTANCE:

(DEATH CRIES)

THE DALEKS DESCEND AND HOVER ABOVE THE CARNAGE.

PERI:

There was no need for that!

A DALEK APPROACHES AND HOVERS.

DALEK:

(NEAR DISTANCE) Who is she?

WATCHER:

She was carrying this coat.

HE HOLDS UP THE DOCTOR'S COAT.

DALEK:

The Doctor's clothing. She is his companion! Take her to the Dalek Supreme.

WATCHER:

I obey.

HE DRAGS PERI AWAY.

PERI:

(DISCOMFORT AS SHE'S MANHANDLED)

70. INT. DALEK LABORATORY.

ALDO PACES BY THE DOOR AS THE DOCTOR WORKS AT THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPE. A SUBTLE HUM OF POWER AS IT OPERATES.

ALDO:

We're pushing our luck, Doctor.

DOCTOR:

(LOOKING THROUGH EYEPIECE) This is precise work. I have to be sure. One more reading...

HE TAPS KEYS. DATA SCROLLS ACROSS A SCREEN.

DOCTOR:

Yes. That confirms it.

ALDO JOINS HIM.

ALDO:

Confirms what?

THE DOCTOR OPENS A HATCH IN THE MICROSCOPE AND RECLAIMS THE VITANIUM ORE.

DOCTOR:

The vitanium on this world is saturated with highly unusual primordial nuclides.

ALDO:

With what?

DOCTOR:

Atomic particles comprised of matter that's older than the planet. Particles that became part of Omnia as it was formed. Your planet is saturated with these nuclides, and they're intensely radioactive.

ALDO:

Radioactive... that's dangerous isn't it?

DOCTOR:

We're exposed to many types of radiation every day with no adverse effects. The radiation from the nuclides is on a band that isn't dangerous to most species. But it's inimical to Dalek life.

ALDO:

It hurts them?

DOCTOR:

It kills them. They've tested it on Dalek tissue. Daleks started as irradiated mutations; they have very unique DNA. The nuclide radiation attacks their cell structures, very aggressively.

ALDO:

And these nuclides are in the vitanium.

DOCTOR:

Exactly. The radiation is everywhere, even in the atmosphere. But it's strongest in the mines, where the vitanium ore is so abundant. That's why the Dalek we saw there looked like it did. That wasn't armour, it was radiation shielding.

ALDO:

So the three dead Daleks we found were killed by radiation poisoning.

DOCTOR:

I imagine they were among the first Daleks into the mines, before they realised the threat. Many more must have died before they introduced the shielded Mine Daleks as a countermeasure.

ALDO:

The more the better.

DOCTOR:

Outside the mines, the radiation is at a far lower concentration, but it's still lethal to Daleks over time. They need to limit how long they spend in the open, and in the Overcity they've used an alloy of Dalekenium to act as a radiation shield. The alloyed substance undoubtedly being a radiation inhibitor such as lead.

ALDO:

If Omnia is so dangerous to them, why would they stay?

DOCTOR:

They need the vitanium, badly. Their fleets devour it at a great rate. So they use Omnian slave labour to mine it, and ship it out in heavily shielded containers. It can be processed to remove the nuclides during the journey to Skaro.

ALDO:

We must be able to use this against them.

DOCTOR:

Yes. It's a weakness. There's always a way to exploit a weakness.

71. INT. DALEK INTERROGATION ROOM.

PERI IS STRAPPED TO A TABLE. INTERROGATION IS UNDERWAY, WITH A MIND-READING MECHANISM PULSING OMINOUSLY.

PERI:

(TWISTING AGAINST RESTRAINTS) Ungh...

DALEK SUPREME:

State your name.

PERI:

(PAIN, CONTINUING THROUGHOUT) Peri. I'm Peri!

A PING FROM THE MECHANISM.

DALEK:

Truthful response.

DALEK SUPREME:

You are a companion of the Doctor? (WAITS) Answer! Answer!

PERI:

Yes!

PING.

DALEK:

Truthful response.

DALEK SUPREME:

Where is the Doctor now?

PERI:

I don't know.

A SHRILL SPEAR OF NOISE FROM THE MECHANISM.

PERI:

(SUDDEN SHARP PAIN) Aahh!!

CARMEN:

Peri. You should answer truthfully at all times. If you resist, you could suffer permanent cerebral damage.

DALEK SUPREME:

Where is the Doctor? (NO REPLY) Answer!

PERI:

(STRUGGLES TO REMAIN SILENT) Ungghh....

DALEK SUPREME:

Answer!!

PERI:

(SHARP PAIN) AAAH!

CARMEN:

Peri, you're killing yourself. Answer.

PERI:

(SUBDUED AGONY, CONTINUING)

DALEK SUPREME:

The machine can read your subconscious. (TO DALEK) Project her memories onto the screen.

DALEK:

I obey.

THE DALEK PRESSES A CONTROL. A WALL SCREEN ACTIVATES.

DALEK SUPREME:

Where did you last see the Doctor?

PERI:

(STRUGGLES, TRYING TO RESIST THE MEMORY)

DALEK SUPREME:

Show us. Where? Where??

CARMEN:

An image is forming.

AN IMAGE RESOLVES ON THE SCREEN.

CARMEN:

That's the original resistance protest, by the Overcity entrance.

DALEK SUPREME:

There! Entering the elevator. That one is the Doctor.

CARMEN:

(SOTTO, STRICKEN) And my son. Aldo...

DALEK SUPREME:

The Doctor is in the Overcity! (TO PERI) What is his purpose in coming here? Show us! Show us!!

PERI:

(IN AGONY. EVENTUALLY, A SCREAM) Aaaaah!!

72. INT. DALEK LABORATORY.

THE DOCTOR POWERS DOWN THE SCREEN IN FRONT OF HIM.

DOCTOR:

Right, we've got everything we need. Time to go.

ALDO:

At last.

THEY HEAD FOR THE DOOR.

DOCTOR:

I'm sure someone will come along and find our friend in the closet in due course.

THE DOCTOR TAPS A WALL PAD, THE DOOR OPENS AND THEY EXIT, INTO

—

73. INT. CORRIDOR OUTSIDE LABORATORY.

DOCTOR:

I told Peri we'd meet her at the — [graveyard]

THREE DALEKS:

Stay where you are!

DOCTOR:

Oh dear.

ALDO:

I said we were pushing our luck.

74. INT. DALEK CONTROL ROOM.

DOOR OPENS. DOCTOR AND ALDO ARE BROUGHT IN BY TWO DALEKS.

DALEK SUPREME:

Doctor.

DOCTOR:

How nice to see you again, Dalek Supreme.

DALEK SUPREME:

Your plans have failed. Your compatriots are dead, or prisoners of the Daleks.

DOCTOR:

Peri. What's happened to Peri?

ALDO:

If you've - [killed her]

CARMEN:

Peri's alive, Doctor. She's... recovering.

DOCTOR:

Recovering?? What have you done with her, Dalek?

DALEK SUPREME:

Silence!

CARMEN:

(A POSE FOR THE DALEKS' BENEFIT) You will speak to the Dalek Supreme only when he speaks to you. You are an enemy of the Daleks. Your crimes and those of your co-conspirators will be punished.

DOCTOR:

What 'crimes'?

CARMEN:

A Dalek has been killed.

DOCTOR:

I can't say I'm overly dismayed.

CARMEN:

It is an action that will be severely punished.

DALEK SUPREME:

Correct. It will.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme?

DALEK SUPREME:

There must be extreme consequences for the death of a Dalek.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme, I am quite capable of dispensing – [justice]

DALEK SUPREME:

You failed to stop an act of insurrection. I will call the Dalek fleet to this planet. When it arrives, it will demonstrate the price of resistance against the Daleks – half of the population of this planet will be exterminated!

END OF PART THREE.

PART FOUR

REPRISE:

DALEK SUPREME:

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CONTINUE INTO:

75. INT. DALEK CONTROL ROOM.

CARMEN:

Half the population... ?

DALEK SUPREME:

Dalek strategists will identify population centres for total extermination from orbit.

DOCTOR:

A typically monstrous Dalek reprisal.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme, please reconsider. This was one incident, and the perpetrators have been exterminated.

DALEK SUPREME:

Do not question the Daleks.

CARMEN:

I... No. My apologies.

DALEK SUPREME:

(TO DALEKS) Take the prisoners to detention.

DALEK:

I obey. (TO ALDO AND THE DOCTOR) Move!

A SECOND INNER DOOR OPENS.

DOCTOR:

Come along, Aldo.

ALDO:

Sure.

DOCTOR AND ALDO EXIT WITH THE DALEK. DOOR CLOSES.

76. INT. DALEK CELL.

PERI SEATED. DOOR OPENS.

DALEK:

(OFF) Enter.

DOCTOR AND ALDO ENTER. PERI STANDS.

PERI:

Doctor! Aldo!

DOCTOR:

Oh Peri, are you well?

PERI:

I'm okay. Kind of... I'm sorry, Doctor. They wired me up to one of their gizmos. They could see my thoughts... they saw you were in the Overcity.

ALDO:

They can do that?

DOCTOR:

I've been through the same process myself. There was nothing you could do against a memory probe, Peri.

PERI:

Gordus and the others... the Daleks killed them.

ALDO:

Oh no.

PERI:

We didn't achieve much, did we?

DOCTOR:

On the contrary. We've found a Dalek weakness.

PERI:

Yeah?

DOCTOR:

'Yeah'. All I have to do now is find a way to apply it before they exterminate us.

77. INT. DALEK CONTROL ROOM.

[THROUGHOUT THIS, CARMEN IS PUTTING ON A FRONT, WITH DIFFICULTY.]

DALEK SUPREME:

Do you have concerns for those who will be exterminated?

CARMEN:

I... worry for the loss of work units. It will affect productivity in the mines, in the factories...

DALEK SUPREME:

The survivors will work doubly hard. The only lives that matter are Dalek lives. All others are expendable.

CARMEN:

Of course.

DALEK SUPREME:

You will arrange the public execution of the Doctor's companion and the young male. Immediately.

CARMEN:

I... obey.

SHE TURNS AND EXITS.

78. INT. DALEK CELL.

DOOR OPENS. CARMEN ENTERS.

DOCTOR:

Come to fetch us for your masters?

CARMEN:

This is what I've been trying to avoid, all these years.

DOCTOR:

You don't have to co-operate. There may be a way to defeat the Daleks.

CARMEN:

It's not possible.

DOCTOR:

I've discovered a vulnerability. The background radiation on Omnia is lethal to them.

ALDO:

It's true.

CARMEN:

You just heard from the Dalek Supreme what happens when people fight back.

DOCTOR:

Carmen, the Daleks are experimenting with ways to alter their DNA to give themselves immunity. They're clever – they'll succeed, in time. And when they do, they won't need you. The Daleks will rule here in large numbers.

PERI:

So what do you say? Time to fight?

A DALEK ENTERS.

DALEK:

What is the delay?

CARMEN:

No delay. (TO DOCTOR AND PERI) We're leaving. Follow the Dalek.

DOCTOR:

Reflect on what we've said.

DOCTOR AND PERI LEAVE WITH THE DALEK. ALDO STARTS TO FOLLOW.

CARMEN:

Aldo, wait.

ALDO:

What?

CARMEN:

(SOTTO) If you get a chance, any chance at all... run. Run for your life.

ALDO:

Not without the Doctor and Peri.

CARMEN:

(SOTTO) It's them the Daleks want. Not you. I don't know if I'll be able to do anything...

ALDO:

(BITTER) You've done enough.

CARMEN:

(SOTTO) I've had no choice.

ALDO:

There's always a choice. I'm going to join my friends.

HE EXITS.

79. EXT. MINEWORKS.

DALEK FLAGSHIP HOVERS ABOVE AS MINEWORKERS FILE OUT OF THE MINE.

WATCHER:

Come on, keep moving! The Dalek Supreme will speak to you all!

THE WORKERS JOIN A MASS OF OTHERS ALREADY GATHERED.

MINEWORKERS:

(WORRIED ANTICIPATION) "What's this all about?" "What do you think he'll say?" "Are they going to kill us?" etc.

80. EXT. MINEWORKS ESCARPMENT.

THE DALEK FLAGSHIP HOVERS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE MINE.
MINEWORKERS GATHERED BELOW.

TWO SKYBOATS APPROACH AND LAND. RAMPS EXTEND, HATCHES OPEN.

THE DALEK SUPREME AND CARMEN EMERGE FROM ONE OF THE BOATS AND
APPROACH THE ESCARPMENT'S EDGE.

WORKERS BELOW GO QUIET.

CARMEN:

They're ready for you, Dalek Supreme.

DALEK SUPREME:

(TO CROWD; ECHOING IN THE BOWL OF THE MINE QUARRY) We are the
Masters of Omnia. Today is the day that all Omnians will learn
the high cost of any act of resistance against the Daleks. Here
is your Magister, Carmen Rega.

CARMEN:

Bring them.

THE DOCTOR, PERI AND ALDO EMERGE FROM THE SECOND SKYBOAT,
FLANKED BY DALEKS, AND ARE BROUGHT FORWARD.

DOCTOR:

We seem to have drawn quite a crowd.

ALDO:

I'm afraid.

PERI:

Hey, you know what? Me too.

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) Here are three rebels! Two off-worlders, and...
(EMOTIONAL HESITATION) an Omnian! This one...

DOCTOR:

Hello!

CARMEN:

This one is called 'the Doctor'.

DALEK SUPREME:

(TO CROWD) The Doctor has made the mistake of thinking he can
defeat the Dalek race. He will learn his folly, when he is a
prisoner on Skaro. Secure him to my transolar disc.

DALEK:

Move!

DOCTOR:

Skaro? It's been a while.

THEY MOVE A SHORT WAY.

DALEK:

Step onto the disc. Place your hand on the rail.

THE DOCTOR STEPS ONTO THE PAD AND HOLDS THE METAL RAIL THAT SKIRTS THE PLATFORM.

DOCTOR:

Like so?

AN INTENSE ENERGY KICKS IN, STICKING THE DOCTOR'S HANDS TO THE RAIL.

DOCTOR:

Aah!

PERI:

Doctor?? Are you okay?

DOCTOR:

There's an organic lock, fixing my hands to the rail. More annoying than painful.

THE DALEK SUPREME MOVES ONTO THE TRANSOLAR DISC.

DALEK SUPREME:

I shall take the Doctor to my flagship. Magister Rega, you will dispose of these other two.

DOCTOR:

Dispose? No. Carmen! Don't do this!

DALEK SUPREME:

Carmen Rega, I shall leave one Dalek with you, to escort you to the flagship once the rebels have been exterminated. You will witness the punishment of Omnia from orbit.

CARMEN:

I obey.

DALEK SUPREME:

Daleks, we shall depart.

DOCTOR:

Carmen!

CARMEN:

Goodbye for now, Doctor.

PERI:

Bye, Doctor.

DOCTOR:

Brave heart, Peri!

DALEK SUPREME TAKES OFF ON ITS TRANSOLAR DISC. FOUR OTHER
DALEKS ON TRANSOLAR DISCS TAKE OFF AND FOLLOW.

CARMEN:

Bring them forward.

DALEK:

Move!

PERI:

(SHOVED) Alright!

PERI AND ALDO ARE PRODDED FORWARD.

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) Now you will see the fate of an off-world agitator,
and an Omnian traitor!

81. INT. DALEK FLAGSHIP LANDING BAY.

A LARGE AREA IN THE DALEK FLAGSHIP, OPEN TO THE ATMOSPHERE.

THE DALEK SUPREME AND FOUR DALEKS SWOOP IN ON TRANSOLAR DISCS AND LAND.

DALEK SUPREME MOVES OFF ITS DISC.

DOCTOR:

If you've harmed Peri and Aldo...

DALEK SUPREME:

We shall go to the control deck. Release him.

A DALEK MOVES FORWARD. AN ENERGY PULSE — SAME AS LOCKED HIM TO THE RAIL IN PREVIOUS SCENE — FREES THE DOCTOR'S HANDS

DOCTOR:

Thank you.

DALEK SUPREME:

Come.

THE DOCTOR STEPS OFF THE TRANSOLAR DISC.

DOOR OPENS. DALEK SUPREME EXITS, FOLLOWED BY THE DOCTOR AND THE DALEK.

DALEK SUPREME:

(EXITING) Do not think of your friends. They are beyond your help now.

DOCTOR:

I wouldn't be so sure.

82. EXT. MINEWORKS ESCARPMENT.

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) This Omnian was once my son.

ALDO:

To my shame.

CARMEN:

... But he was re-designated as a work unit. His purpose was to labour for the Daleks. Work units are not permitted self-determination. Work units are not allowed independent thought... And the law of the Daleks says that work units who conspire against the Daleks will be exterminated.

MINEWORKERS:

(BELOW, AGHAST)

PERI:

You can't murder your own son.

DALEK:

Silence!

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) As Magister, I have always served the Daleks. And I tell you this, my obedience was not out of fear, but out of love for Omnia and its people. I saw this as the only way to preserve our world and our future. Otherwise the Daleks could sweep us aside like gamepieces on a board. The cost has been the loss of Omnian lives, though I always hoped I was saving many more. I know that in serving the Daleks I chose to pay a heavy, dreadful price, in the interests of the greater good. As I do now.

SHE PRODUCES A SIZZLER GUN. TURNS A DIAL, IT SURGES TO FULL POWER.

PERI:

Carmen. Think what you're doing.

ALDO:

It's no use, Peri.

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) The Daleks command, and I have always obeyed. I am asked to kill my own son, and I take aim. (SHE AIMS) For the greater good.... But no longer. Die, Dalek!

SHE TWISTS AND FIRES AT THE DALEK. ITS CASING EXPLODES IN PART.

DALEK:
Aaaah!!

SHE FIRES AGAIN. ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

DALEK:
Aaah!

CARMEN:
Enough...

ANOTHER SHOT. ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

DALEK:
Aaah!

CARMEN:
... is enough!!!

SHE LOWERS THE GUN. THE DALEK IS BADLY DAMAGED, SMOULDERING.

ALDO:
Is it... dead?

THE DALEK'S GUN SLOWLY RISES.

PERI:
It's moving!

DALEK:
(BADLY INJURED) Ex... ter... min...

PERI:
Help me push it over!

PERI AND ALDO RUSH THE DALEK AND PUSH IT OVER THE EDGE. IT PLUMMETS.

DALEK:
(FALLING) Aaaaaahhh!!

THE CROWD BELOW PULLS BACK AS THE DALEK TUMBLES AND LANDS — AND EXPLODES.

MINEWORKERS:
(CHEERS) Hurray!! Hurray!

CARMEN:
(TO CROWD) Please! Please, all of you! Quiet!

THE CROWD FALLS SILENT.

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) I don't expect to have earned your forgiveness by this act. I don't expect you to do anything other than to hate me. As Magister I did what I thought was right. But it was a betrayal. You will want your revenge on me, and you will have it. But please, let that be after we have done what we can to drive these monsters off of our world.

I have supped with demons for what I thought was the greater good. I thought I had no choice... As has been made clear to me, there is always a choice. The Dalek Supreme has called the Dalek fleet to Omnia, in order to kill half of the population.

MINEWORKERS:

(HORRIFIED OUTBURSTS)

CARMEN:

(TO CROWD) And I choose not to accept the murder of millions of Omnians on a Dalek whim! I choose not to be told by these monsters that I must kill my son, or any other mother's son. I choose to fight, as I should always have done. Will you join me in this? And afterwards choose for me whatever justice you feel fit.

MINEWORKERS:

(MURMURS OF RELUCTANT ASSENT) "Aye", "For now", "Until we're free" etc.

CARMEN:

We are all Omnians together now. No more 'work units'. No more High-Class. And the Watch will stand down.

MINEWORKERS:

(CHEERS)

CARMEN:

Our first task is to deal with the Daleks in the mines. Take mining explosive, and seal off the mine entrances. And seal off the monorail tunnel. Entomb them, so they can never emerge!

MINEWORKERS:

(CHEER, AND HURRY TO DO AS SHE SAYS)

CARMEN STEPS AWAY FROM THE EDGE.

ALDO:

Don't expect me to forgive you any more than the people will.

PERI:

Aldo, this is your mother.

CARMEN:

No, he's right.

ENERGISED RUMBLINGS FROM ABOVE – DISTANT, POWERFUL DALEK ENGINES SLOWING/MANOUEVRING.

ALDO:

What's that sound? (LOOKS UP) It's coming from up in – (STOPS HIMSELF) Oh...

PERI:

(LOOKING UP) There must be at least twenty spaceships up there!

CARMEN:

(LOOKING UP) The Dalek fleet has arrived. They're entering the atmosphere.

PERI:

Is there any way of getting on board the flagship?

ALDO:

You want to go where the Daleks are??

PERI:

Where the Doctor is. I have to help him. And, if anyone can stop what's about to happen, he can.

CARMEN:

The Dalek Supreme is expecting me to come aboard with a Dalek. I can get you on there. You and others.

SHE STRIDES AWAY WITH PURPOSE.

CARMEN:

I'll gather a fighting force.

83. INT. DALEK CONTROL DECK.

DALEK CONTROL ROOM AMBIENCE.

DOOR OPENS. DALEK SUPREME ENTERS WITH THE DOCTOR, MOVES TO CENTRE OF THE ROOM.

DALEK PILOT:

Dalek Supreme on board!

DALEK SUPREME:

Report status of the Dalek fleet.

DALEK PILOT:

The fleet has entered upper atmosphere. Battle computer is identifying optimum attack locations.

DALEK SUPREME:

We shall ascend to join the fleet. Doctor - You will watch as the Daleks demonstrate their total power!

DOCTOR:

This is unnecessary. What if I was to offer you something in return for all those lives?

DALEK SUPREME:

There is nothing you could offer the Daleks.

DOCTOR:

Not even immunity from Omnian radiation?

DALEK SUPREME:

Explain.

DOCTOR:

I know you've been experimenting with altering Dalek DNA. I may be able to provide the key piece of data you're missing.

DALEK SUPREME:

You lie.

DOCTOR:

You know I'm a Time Lord, that I can regenerate. The solution you're looking for can be provided by applying Gallifreyan regenerative sequencing into Dalek DNA.

DALEK SUPREME:

This is a deception.

DOCTOR:

If you go ahead with the attack, I won't help you.

DALEK SUPREME:

You can be forced to provide this information.

DOCTOR:

No, I really can't. Look, I'm sure you have laboratory facilities on this ship. Let me go there, and I'll produce a sample sequence for you.

DALEK SUPREME:

(CONSIDERS, THEN -) Very well. You will go with this Dalek.

A DALEK MOVES FORWARD.

DOCTOR:

It may take me some time to produce the - [sample].

DALEK SUPREME:

(INTERRUPTING] You have until we join the fleet. Take him.

DALEK:

I obey. (TO DOCTOR) Move!

DOOR OPENS. THE DOCTOR EXITS WITH THE DALEK. DOOR CLOSES.

DALEK PILOT:

Omnian skyboat with Magister Rega on board is approaching.

DALEK SUPREME:

When she is aboard, begin ascent to the fleet.

DALEK PILOT:

I obey.

84. INT. CARMEN'S SKYBOAT.

IN FLIGHT. CARMEN AT THE CONTROLS. ALDO AND PERI BESIDE HER. BEHIND THEM, SEVERAL MINEWORKERS UP FOR THE FIGHT.

ALDO:

Dalek flagship ahead.

PERI:

Looks a lot bigger up close, doesn't it?

CARMEN:

We're going in. Everybody get ready.

PERI:

Ready.

MINEWORKERS:

"We're ready" / "Yes Magister" etc.

CARMEN:

I've been on their ships before. There should be a Dalek on landing bay duty. You know what to do, Peri?

PERI:

I've got it. We'll wait for the right time.

CARMEN:

Good luck.

85. INT. DALEK FLAGSHIP LANDING BAY.

CARMEN'S SKYBOAT ENTERS, SLOWS AND LANDS. A SINGLE DALEK MOVES TOWARDS IT.

RAMP EXTENDS. HATCH OPENS.

CARMEN WALKS DOWN THE RAMP.

DALEK:

You are Magister Rega.

CARMEN:

The Dalek Supreme is expecting me.

DALEK:

Where is your Dalek escort?

CARMEN:

Still on board.

DALEK:

Why does it not emerge?

CARMEN:

Why don't you ask it?

DALEK:

Wait there.

THE DALEK GOES UP THE SHUTTLE RAMP.

PERI:

(IN SKYBOAT) Now!

MINeworkERS OPEN FIRE FROM INSIDE THE SKYBOAT WITH SIZZLERS, OVERWHELMING THE DALEK. EXPLOSIONS ALL OVER ITS CASING.

DALEK:

(CRIES OUT, DIES) Aaaah!!

MINeworkERS AND WATCH:

(CHEERS) Yay!!

ALDO:

We did it! We killed a Dalek!

PERI DESCENDS THE RAMP, PASSING THE SMOULDERING DALEK.

PERI:

It was taken by surprise. And there was just one. Others won't be so easy.

CARMEN:

We'll see.

PERI:

Now we have to find the Doctor.

CARMEN:

We'll search level by level. Let's hope we don't have to fight our way through too many Daleks.

86. INT. DALEK LABORATORY.

BLEEPING/TICKING INSTRUMENTS. BUBBLING VIALS. DOOR OPENS DALEK STYLE AND THE DOCTOR ENTERS, FOLLOWED BY A DALEK. DOOR CLOSES.

DOCTOR:

As laboratories go, I suppose this might do.

DALEK:

You will begin.

DOCTOR:

I mean, yes, it looks well equipped, but I shall have to make an inventory.

DALEK:

You are wasting time.

DOCTOR:

The very idea! Now let me see...

HE MOVES AROUND THE LABORATORY.

DOCTOR:

Centrifuge... good. Oscilloscope, multimeter, LRC meter... yes, encouraging. Of course if I'm to conduct agragose gel electrophoresis I shall need a heating point. And that looks like a chemical oven, am I right?

DALEK:

All necessary equipment is here.

DOCTOR:

I'll be the judge of that. (SPOTS SOMETHING) Ah-hah! An electromagnetic generator!

HE CROSSES TO IT.

DOCTOR:

Now this is perfect for what I've got in mind...

HE SWITCHES IT ON. A HUM OF ELECTRICAL POWER.

DOCTOR:

Yes, this should do nicely.

87. INT. CONTROL DECK.

DALEK SUPREME:

Confirm that the Omnian Magister and escort have come aboard.

DALEK PILOT:

I obey.

THE DALEK PILOT OPERATES A CONTROL. REPEATED TONE, UNANSWERED.

DALEK PILOT:

There is no response from the Dalek in the landing bay.

DALEK SUPREME:

Show camera image from the landing bay.

THE DALEK PILOT PRESSES A CONTROL. JARRING NEGATIVE TONE IN REPOSE.

DALEK PILOT:

Landing bay camera is non-responsive.

DALEK SUPREME:

Send the nearest Dalek to investigate.

88. INT. CORRIDOR JUNCTION.

CARMEN, PERI, ALDO AND MINEWORKERS MOVE CAUTIOUSLY TOWARDS THE JUNCTION.

ALDO:

So far, no Daleks. That's good.

PERI:

But still no sign of the Doctor.

CARMEN:

Or anywhere they might be holding him.

THEY HALT.

PERI:

Now. Right or left?

A DALEK ENTERS THE CORRIDOR AHEAD.

DALEK:

Stay where you are!

CARMEN:

Take cover!

DALEK FIRES, HITTING A MINEWORKER.

MINEWORKER:

(SCREAMS AND DIES)

CARMEN:

Fire!

THEY OPEN FIRE.

89. INT. DALEK LABORATORY

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC GENERATOR IS RUNNING.

DALEK:

What are you doing?

DOCTOR:

Just getting the generator up to full speed. Which it now is. Come closer - I'll show you.

THE DALEK MOVES CLOSER.

DOCTOR:

It's producing a strong electromagnetic energy field.

THE DOCTOR TAKES THE VITANIUM ORE FROM HIS POCKET.

DOCTOR:

Here I have a piece of vitanium ore. And what I'm going to do, is place it within the field of the generator.

DALEK:

What will that do?

DOCTOR:

I'm glad you asked. When vitanium receives a sudden burst of energy, it releases its own, more powerful energy... Like so.

AS SOON AS THE VITANIUM IS PLACED IN THE GENERATOR, IT RAPIDLY ENERGISES, SURGES, AND EMITS A PULSE OF RADIOACTIVE FORCE THAT PASSES LETHALLY THROUGH THE DALEK.

DALEK:

(CRY, TAILING TO DEATH) Aaaaaahhh!!

THE DOCTOR SWITCHES THE GENERATOR OFF AND RETRIEVES THE VITANIUM.

DOCTOR:

... And it releases it as a pulse of nuclide radiation. Very sorry about that, old chap. But tens of millions of innocent lives are in the balance.

HE EXAMINES THE VITANIUM.

DOCTOR:

And I tell you what, you may have just given me an idea.

HE GOES TO THE DOOR, WHICH OPENS.

WE HEAR THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN OMNIANS AND A DALEK
SOMEWHERE IN THE MAZE OF CORRIDORS.

DOCTOR:

Oh my... What's going on?

HE EXITS. DOOR CLOSES.

90. INT. CORRIDOR JUNCTION.

CARMEN, PERI, ALDO AND MINEWORKERS AT THE JUNCTION, EXCHANGING OCCASIONAL FIRE AROUND THE CORNER WITH THE DALEK.

PERI:

We're keeping the Dalek back, but it's got us pinned down!

CARMEN:

There might be a way to get around it.

ANOTHER DALEK ENTERS THE END OF THE CORRIDOR.

SECOND DALEK:

Exterminate!

BOTH DALEKS FIRE.

ALDO:

Another one!

CARMEN:

Keep your heads down!

THE DOCTOR RUNS IN BEHIND THEM. OCCASIONAL SHOOTING CONTINUES BEHIND THE FOLLOWING.

DOCTOR:

Peri!

PERI:

Doctor! Oh wow! It's wonderful to find you!

DOCTOR:

And Carmen. I can't help noticing you're on the side that's shooting at the Daleks. Have you had a change of heart?

CARMEN:

Much as I'd like to discuss it, Doctor, perhaps later? We should get out of here.

DOCTOR:

I can't leave, not yet. I must get to the cargo hold. Can you keep the Daleks back for a little longer while I do that?

CARMEN:

We can try. (SHE SHOOTS) What do you want with the cargo hold?

DOCTOR:

I have an idea that may stop the Dalek attack.

CARMEN:

In which case, I'll come with you.

PERI:

And me.

DOCTOR:

Extra sets of hands would be useful.

CARMEN:

You're in charge, Aldo.

ALDO:

What? Me?

CARMEN:

Hold the Daleks as long as you can, then fall back to the skyboat. If you have to leave, then go. Don't wait for us.

ALDO:

I won't leave you here.

CARMEN:

If we can't get back to you, we'll find another way off the ship.

DOCTOR:

We should go. The cargo hold will be on this level.

HE, PERI AND CARMEN RUN OFF.

ALDO:

Okay. Keep firing!

FURTHER SUSTAINED SIZZLER FIRE, MET WITH DALEK SHOTS.

DALEKS:

Exterminate!

91. INT. CARGO HOLD.

A LARGE, WAREHOUSE-LIKE SPACE.

A HATCH OPENS. DOCTOR, PERI AND CARMEN ENTER.

DOCTOR:

Here we are!

PERI:

What are you looking for?

DOCTOR:

Exactly what you see. Several containers of vitanium ore, and the Dalek cargo shuttles. Two shuttles, perfect. We can use one to get off the ship.

CARMEN:

What are you going to do?

THE DOCTOR APPROACHES A VITANIUM CONTAINER.

DOCTOR:

The first thing is to open up the containers, and expose the vitanium ore inside.

THE DOCTOR TAPS A CONTROL ON THE CONTAINER. THE SIDE LOWERS LIKE A RAMP.

DOCTOR:

I want all the containers opened up like this. Drop the shielding.

PERI:

I'm on it.

PERI HURRIES TO THE NEXT CONTAINER AND REPEATS WHAT THE DOCTOR HAS DONE.

CARMEN:

This is how you plan to stop the Daleks?

DOCTOR:

Oh, I'm just getting started, Carmen. You'll see.

92. INT. CORRIDOR JUNCTION.

SHOTS EXCHANGED BETWEEN ALDO/MINEWORKERS AND THE TWO DALEKS.

THREE FURTHER DALEKS ENTER THE CORRIDOR, FIRING AS THEY ARRIVE.

ALDO:

More Daleks! There are too many! Fall back to the landing bay.
Move!

ALDO AND MINEWORKERS RETREAT, FIRING OCCASIONAL SHOTS.

93. INT. CARGO HOLD.

PERI, THE DOCTOR AND CARMEN OPEN THE LAST OF THE VITANIUM CONTAINERS.

PERI:

All the vitanium containers are open, Doctor.

DOCTOR:

Thank you.

PERI:

Hey, can you feel that? We're moving.

CARMEN:

The ship's climbing higher.

DOCTOR:

Going to join the Dalek fleet in orbit, no doubt. Exactly what I was hoping.

CARMEN:

It is?

CARMEN'S COMMS SET CRACKLES WITH STATIC.

ALDO:

(COMMS DISTORT) Mother? Come in.

CARMEN TAKES THE SET FROM HER BELT.

CARMEN:

Aldo? Go ahead.

94. INT. DALEK FLAGSHIP LANDING BAY.

DALEK RAYS ARE FIRING BEHIND, AND STRIKING, A SEALED DOOR.

ALDO:

(INTO MIC) We've fallen back to the landing bay. The Daleks are outside and they're going to break in shortly!

CARMEN:

(DISTORT) Aldo, get everyone onto the skyboat and leave. We've got other transport here.

ALDO:

Will do. See you on the ground.

HE KEYS HIS SET OFF.

ALDO:

Everyone, onto the skyboat! Quickly!

THE MINEWORKERS AND ALDO RUN UP THE RAMP ONTO THE SKYBOAT.

95. INT. CARGO HOLD. (CONTINUOUS)

PERI:

I hope they get away okay.

DOCTOR:

They should. What I'm about to do should distract the Dalek Supreme's attention.

HE TAPS FURTHER KEYS ON A WALL PAD.

PERI:

Why? What are you doing?

DOCTOR:

I'm going to speak to him.

CARMEN:

What??

DOCTOR:

I have to give the Daleks a chance.

96. INT. DALEK CONTROL DECK.

A MESSAGE ALERT SOUNDS ON THE PILOT'S INSTRUMENTS.

DALEK PILOT:

Incoming message from the cargo hold... It is the Doctor!

DALEK SUPREME:

Put it on screen.

A SCREEN REFRESHES WITH A NEW IMAGE.

DOCTOR:

(DISTORT) Hello there.

DALEK SUPREME:

What is this?

DOCTOR:

(D) I'm calling to make you an offer, Dalek Supreme. Leave Omnia and never return, or I'll have no choice but to destroy your fleet.

DALEK SUPREME:

Daleks do not respond to threats from inferior species.

DOCTOR:

(D) I assure you I'm serious. Think it over. You have about fifteen minutes. Doctor out.

THE SCREEN CLOSES.

DALEK SUPREME:

Send a Dalek squad to the cargo hold.

DALEK PILOT:

I obey.

THE DALEK SUPREME HEADS FOR THE DOOR, WHICH OPENS.

DALEK SUPREME:

I shall join them and recapture the Doctor myself.

DALEK SUPREME EXITS.

97. INT. CARGO HOLD.

CARMEN:

You realise the Daleks will be coming for us now.

DOCTOR:

I had to give them the option to go.

PERI:

He does that.

DOCTOR TAPS KEYS ON THE WALL PAD.

DOCTOR:

I've sealed the hatchway. That should keep them out for a bit. Now for the next part of the plan, we need a cargo shuttle. This one.

HE WALKS UP THE RAMP OF A SHUTTLE AND INSIDE. PERI AND CARMEN FOLLOW.

98. EXT. MINEWORKS ESCARPMENT.

SKYBOAT LANDS. RAMP EXTENDS, HATCH OPENS. ALDO AND MINEWORKERS
DISEMBARK.

ALDO:

We've done our bit, everyone. Aren't you glad to be back on
Omnian soil? (LOOKING UP) Come on, mother... get off that Dalek
ship.

99. INT. CARGO SHUTTLE COCKPIT. (CONTINUOUS)

THE DOCTOR IS AT FLIGHT CONTROLS. CARMEN AND PERI BEHIND HIM.

DOCTOR:

Yes, these controls look straightforward.

THE DOCTOR OPERATES CONTROLS. ENGINES START, ON LOW POWER.

PERI:

We're leaving?

DOCTOR:

Not on this shuttle. I'm programming the engines to go to full power in ten minutes. And I'm bypassing the safety protocols. When they reach full power they'll go critical, and the power core will explode.

CARMEN:

And destroy the Dalek ship?

DOCTOR:

It won't be quite strong enough for that. But the energy from the explosion will be absorbed by the vitanium ore, and the vitanium too will explode. Destroying the ship, and spreading Dalek-lethal radiation across local space. All through the Dalek fleet. Any Dalek in the way of that radiation will wish it wasn't.

CARMEN:

That's brilliant.

PERI:

While we leave on the other shuttle.

DOCTOR:

Exactly. I'll open the cargo bay doors.

THEY EXIT.

100. INT. CARGO HOLD. (CONTINUOUS)

THE SHUTTLE'S ENGINES TICKING OVER AT LOW POWER. THE DOCTOR, PERI AND CARMEN EXIT THE SHUTTLE. THE DOCTOR CROSSES TO A WALL PAD, TAPS CONTROLS.

DOCTOR:

Open sesame.

TWO LARGE CARGO DOORS SLIDE OPEN.

PERI:

Can we go now?

CARMEN:

I second that.

DOCTOR:

Absolutely. Let's get aboard the other shuttle.

THEY HEAD TOWARDS THE SHUTTLE.

AS BOOM!! A HIGHLY POWERFUL RAY FIRES OUTSIDE THE CARGO HOLD, AND THE ENTRANCE HATCHWAY IS BLOWN APART.

DOCTOR, PERI AND CARMEN:

(ROCKED BY PRESSURE WAVE) Waaah!

THE REMAINS OF THE HATCH ARE PUSHED ASIDE BY A BULKY DALEK AS IT ENTERS.

PERI:

What is that thing?

DOCTOR:

A Special Weapons Dalek... I hadn't planned on one of those.

THE DALEK SUPREME AND TWO FURTHER DALEKS ENTER.

DALEK SUPREME:

Stay where you are!

DOCTOR:

Into the shuttle! Run!

HE, PERI AND CARMEN RUN INTO THE SECOND SHUTTLE.

THE DALEK SUPREME FIRES, HITTING THE FLOOR.

DALEK SUPREME:

Surround the craft!

DALEKS MOVE FORWARD.

101. INT. CARGO SHUTTLE. (CONTINUOUS)

PERI:

We need to get away from here!

DOCTOR:

There are five minutes until the engines go critical on the other shuttle. Plenty of time for the Daleks to discover what's been done to the engine settings and undo them.

CARMEN:

So what are you thinking?

DOCTOR:

I'm going to go out there and keep the Dalek Supreme talking while you two leave.

PERI:

No!

DOCTOR:

It's the only way. I'll programme a flight plan for the shuttle to take you down to the planet.

HE TAPS COMMANDS INTO THE CONTROLS.

DOCTOR:

Done. Press that button and the shuttle will take you - [down]

PERI:

Doctor, you can't do this.

CARMEN:

The Doctor's right, Peri.

DOCTOR:

Thank you, Carmen.

CARMEN:

And Doctor?

DOCTOR:

Yes?

CARMEN DRAWS HER SIZZLER GUN AND SHOOTS HIM.

DOCTOR:

(SHOT AND FALLS) Aaah!

PERI:

Doctor!

CARMEN:

I only stunned him. He was right, about needing to delay the Daleks. But I'll do it.

PERI:

Carmen, no...

CARMEN:

This is my duty, Peri. It won't undo the harm I've caused, but I'll die serving my planet and my people.

PERI:

The Doctor wouldn't want this.

CARMEN:

Not his decision.

DALEK SUPREME:

(OFF) You will exit the shuttle and surrender!

CARMEN:

The Dalek Supreme is becoming impatient... Give me one minute out there, then press the button the Doctor showed you.

SHE HEADS FOR THE EXIT.

PERI:

Carmen...

CARMEN:

I know. Goodbye, Peri... And say goodbye to Aldo for me.

SHE EXITS.

102. INT. CARGO HOLD.

CARMEN APPROACHES THE DALEK SUPREME. THE SHUTTLE HATCH CLOSES BEHIND HER.

CARMEN:

Dalek Supreme. I surrender.

DALEK SUPREME:

The Doctor and his companion will also come out.

CARMEN:

Just me for now. I want to discuss terms.

DALEK SUPREME:

No terms. You will obey.

CARMEN:

My days of doing what you tell me are over.

THE SHUTTLE'S ENGINES START UP.

DALEK SUPREME:

What is happening?

CARMEN:

You might want to stand back.

DALEK SUPREME:

Stop that shuttle!

CARMEN:

Too late.

THE CARGO SHUTTLE'S ENGINES FLARE POWERFULLY, AND THE SHUTTLE SHOOTS OUT OF THE HOLD.

CARMEN:

Just you and me now, Daleks. And the Doctor gave you a chance, but you wouldn't take it.

DALEK SUPREME:

An empty threat. The Doctor does not have the capability to destroy the Daleks.

CARMEN:

You'll soon see.

DALEK SUPREME:

Your treachery will be punished.

CARMEN:

I don't think so.

103. INT. CARGO SHUTTLE.

START EXTERIOR, THE SHUTTLE HEADING GROUNDWARDS AT SPEED –
'WHOOSH!' AS IT PASSES US. THEN MOVE INSIDE THE CRAFT.

PERI:

I hope you programmed this thing to slow down, Doctor. The
ground's coming up mighty fast.

RETRO THRUSTERS FIRE AND THE SHUTTLE SLOWS DRAMATICALLY.

PERI:

Woah! You sure did!

104. EXT. MINEWORKS.

ALDO AND MINEWORKERS LOOKING UP TO THE SKY. HIGH ABOVE, THE CARGO SHUTTLE RETRO THRUSTERS FIRE.

ALDO:

That must be their shuttle. They did it, they got away!

MINEWORKERS:

(CHEERS) Yaaayyy!!

THE SHUTTLE APPROACHES GROUND IN NEAR DISTANCE.

ALDO:

They're coming in to land. (STARTS TO RUN) Come on!

ALDO AND MINEWORKERS HARE ACROSS THE GROUND TOWARDS THE SHUTTLE.

105. INT. CARGO SHUTTLE.

THE SHUTTLE HAS LANDED. ENGINES POWERING DOWN.

PERI:

We made it.

DOCTOR:

(STIRRING AWAKE) Ungh...

PERI:

Doctor! You're awake!

THE DOCTOR SITS UP.

DOCTOR:

What happened?

PERI:

Carmen zapped you. We're not on the Dalek ship anymore. We've landed back on Omnia.

DOCTOR:

What!

THE HATCH BEEPS AND OPENS. ALDO ENTERS.

PERI:

Aldo!

ALDO:

Peri. Doctor. I'm so glad you got - [away]. (STOPS HIMSELF)
Where's my mother?

DOCTOR:

Oh no. Peri, she didn't... ?

PERI:

She stayed behind to delay the Daleks.

ALDO:

She's still up there?

DOCTOR LEAPS TO HIS FEET. TAPS AT CONTROLS.

DOCTOR:

We have to get back there! There may still be time... How long was I unconscious?

PERI:

Too long. I'm sorry, Doctor.

106. INT. CARGO HOLD.

DALEK SUPREME:

What has the Doctor done?

CARMEN:

What I should have done rather than followed Dalek orders for twelve years. He's fought you, and he's beaten you. You just don't know it yet.

THE SECOND CARGO SHUTTLE'S ENGINES START UP.

CARMEN:

... But you're about to.

DALEK SUPREME:

What is happening?

CARMEN:

Those engines are about to go critical.

ENGINES RISE IN POWER AND PITCH, SCREAMING TOWARDS ANNIHILATION.

DALEK SUPREME:

Turn off the engines! Turn them off! You will obey!

CARMEN:

I. Do not. Obey.

BOOM!!!!

107. EXT. MINEWORKS.

THE DOCTOR, PERI, ALDO AND MINEWORKERS LOOK UP AS THE DALEK SAUCER DETONATES HIGH ABOVE.

DOCTOR:

Such a brave woman. In the end.

ALDO:

It doesn't make up for what she's done over the years.

PERI:

She said the same thing. You should be proud of her.

ALDO:

Maybe.

108. INT. OVERCITY LABORATORY.

THE DOCTOR IS OPERATING A MACHINE THAT EMITS AN OSCILLATING BEEP.

PERI AND ALDO ENTER.

PERI:

You still fiddling with that radiation gizmo, Doctor?

DOCTOR:

I've found something interesting. We already knew the radiation given off by the vitanium had wiped out every Dalek across their fleet. Well, it turns out that Omnia's upper atmosphere is now saturated with that radiation.

ALDO:

Is that good?

DOCTOR:

Having lost one fleet, the Daleks would be in two minds about sending another. When their sensor probes tell them there's a lethal high-density radiation field around the planet, I confidently predict they'll stay well away for now.

PERI:

How long will the radiation belt be there?

DOCTOR:

Given its half-life, at least five generations.

ALDO:

Time enough for Omnia to build its defences. The new ruling Senate has already agreed to get that started. We won't be slaves again.

THE DOCTOR FLICKS SWITCHES, POWERING DOWN THE EQUIPMENT, AND STANDS.

DOCTOR:

If the Daleks do return, I'm sure they'll find you ready. And now, Peri, to the TARDIS.

PERI:

You found it?

DOCTOR:

I did.

ALDO:

Um, what's a ... 'TARDIS'?

109. INT. STORAGE ROOM.

DALEK 'HEARTBEAT' AMBIENCE.

DOCTOR:

This is a TARDIS.

ALDO:

A cupboard?

PERI:

A very special kind of cupboard.

THE DOCTOR UNLOCKS AND OPENS THE DOOR.

DOCTOR:

Aldo. Your mother...

ALDO:

I know what she did. Twelve years of carrying out the Daleks' orders, it's hard to forgive...

DOCTOR:

She felt she was doing the right thing. Protecting lives. She didn't know it was only a matter of time before the Daleks would do what Daleks do.

ALDO:

I was about to say, it's hard to forgive... but I do. I'm proud of her.

DOCTOR:

Peri. Would you like to enter the 'cupboard'?

PERI:

Sure. Goodbye, Aldo.

ALDO:

Um. Bye?

PERI ENTERS THE TARDIS.

DOCTOR:

And Aldo...

ALDO:

Yes?

DOCTOR:

Well done. You're proud of your mother, and she was so proud of you.

ALDO:

She said so?

DOCTOR:

She didn't have to.

HE STEPS ONTO THE TARDIS THRESHOLD.

DOCTOR:

Mothers never have to.

THE DOCTOR ENTERS THE TARDIS, CLOSES THE DOOR.

TARDIS DEMATERIALISES.

END THEME.